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FIEND OF THE CENTURY DEAD.

Joseph Vacher Guillotined at Bourghon-Bresse.

HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE MURDERED ELEVEN.

ATROCITIES, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, COMMITTED FOR SOLE PLEASURE OF KILLING.

VICTIMS SHEPHERDS AND SHEPHERDESSES.

Young Girls Were His Particular Objects of Hatred and He Cut the Throats of Many, Afterward Mutilating Them.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Joseph Vacher, the French "Jack the Ripper," was guillotined at Bourghon-Bresse, capital of the Department of the Ain, this morning. He protested his innocence and feigned insanity to the last. He was 29 years old and was condemned at the October Assizes at Ain. Early in life he is known to have murdered four boys, six women and girls and an old widow. Most of the victims were tending herds when Vacher came behind them and cut their throats.

The crimes of Joseph Vacher have surpassed in number and atrocities those of the Whitechapel murderer known as "Jack



JOSEPH VACHER.

the Ripper." His homicidal mania first broke out in 1894. He claimed after his arrest that as every action has an object, and as his motive was neither theft nor vengeance, his irresponsibility was established. Physiologically, physicians have regarded the case as interesting. It was shown that Vacher had been confined in an asylum for the insane and that while doing military duty a love affair caused him to attempt self-destruction by shooting.

The victims of Vacher were shepherds and shepherdesses and was particularly directed against young girls. He first cut the throats of his victims with a knife and afterward mutilated them with a razor. He was arrested last year after the police had searched for him for a long time in vain.

In defense of Vacher it was pointed out that when a youth he was bitten by a mad dog and that the village herbalist gave him some medicine, after drinking which he became irritable and brutal, whereas he had previously been quiet and inoffensive. It also appears from these statements that from that time he had developed a passion for human blood. Referring to his crimes, Vacher is quoted as saying:

"My victims never suffered, for while I throttled them with one hand, I simply took their lives with a sharp instrument in the other.

"I am an anarchist, and I am opposed to society, no matter what the form of government may be."

This desperate criminal was notoriously vain and fancied himself a hero. He refused to speak about his crimes except on two conditions: One, that the full story of his murders be published in the leading French papers, and the other that he should be tried separately for each crime in the district where it was committed.

The exact number of Vacher's victims will never be known, but it is said that 23 assassinations had been brought home to him in October last, and the number was added to as time wore on. In fact, it is doubtful whether the murderer himself knew the real number of his victims. He nonchalantly told the story of some fresh tragedy from time to time to the examining magistrate as the details came back to his mind, and in each case the investigation has furnished full corroboration of Vacher's narrative. The bodies in each case were found in the places indicated—in lonely thickets or in unused wells. He seems to have killed merely for the sake of killing.

Born near Lyons, Vacher served his military term in a regiment of Zouaves. He showed himself to be a good soldier, so much so that he was made a non-commissioned officer, although there were complaints against him of being brutally severe to recruits.

A recruit, a member of a well-known French family, told how Vacher once abused him so terribly on the drill grounds that he lost his temper and sprang at Vacher. Happily for the recruit, he was seized by his companions before he succeeded in striking Vacher, otherwise the young man would most likely have been sentenced to death by a court-martial.

It was shortly after Vacher left the service that he became ill, owing to disappointment in a love affair, and attempted to blow out his brains with a revolver. The bullet was never extracted from his skull, and, according to one report, the wound produced fits of insanity and caused him to be confined for a time in an asylum for the insane.

Since that time and until his arrest, Vacher appears to have wandered through the country districts of France, committing murders. He was undetected and unsuspected until, by mere accident, he was caught almost red-handed near Lyons at the beginning of October.

In every case Vacher seems to have been seized with a frenzy after attacking his victims, as he cut and slashed them horribly and often dismembered them.

One day Vacher told the magistrate that he considered himself to be a scourge sent by Providence to afflict humanity.

Vacher killed one of his victims, he claimed, because he wore a clean shirt which the murderer coveted and he admitted that he sometimes murdered people because he needed money and food.

One of the remarkable features of this extraordinary case was the clever manner in which Vacher succeeded in shifting suspicion from himself. About two years ago he murdered a shepherd boy on a country road a few miles from Lyons, hacked the body almost to pieces and then continued on his way. The murder was discovered within a few minutes after and search for the murderer was promptly instituted. A gendarme mounted on a bicycle overtook Vacher and called upon him to produce his identification papers, whereupon Vacher quietly handed over to the officer his discharge as a non-commissioned officer from a regiments of zouaves.

"Why, that is my old regiment," exclaimed the gendarme. "I am hunting for a man who has just cut a boy's throat. Have you seen any suspicious characters?"

"Oh, yes," answered the murderer serenely. "I saw a man running across the fields to the north, about a mile back from here."

"Thank you," cried the gendarme, "I'll be after him."

Then gendarme then hurried off after the imaginary murder, and the real culprit quietly stole away from the scene of his crime.

The most prominent victim of Vacher was the Marquis de Villaplain, who was killed while walking in his park in the southwestern part of France not far from the Spanish frontier. Vacher crept up behind him, felled him with a heavy stick and then cut his throat. The murderer carried off the coat of the Marquis and his pocket book containing some bank notes. He then sought refuge in Spain.

The boasting of the murderer led to the detection of a number of his crimes after his arrest. For instance, he killed a boy 16 years of age, named Billy, near Lyons, in June, 1897. The crime would never have been discovered but for the boastings of Vacher, as the lad was a notorious poacher and chicken thief, and his disappearance created no stir at all.

In January of the present year, Vacher made a furious assault on a warden of the prison at Lyons where he was confined and almost beat him to death before the prison guards could overpower him.

On Oct. 30 of the present year Vacher was sentenced to death, since which time he has continued feigning insanity.

ST. LOUIS CLEARINGS FOR THE CLOSING YEAR.

The Post-Dispatch presents herewith, through the courtesy of Manager T. A. Stoddart, the statement of clearings and balances of the St. Louis Clearing House for the year 1898, including Saturday, Dec. 31. The comparative statistics show the marvelous increase of business in this city and the general prosperity which has attended the year's work.

Following is the statement for this day, this week and the month of December:

ST. LOUIS CLEARING HOUSE, DEC. 31, 1898.

Date.	Clearings.	Balances.
This day	$4,277,905	$384,731
This week	27,012,682	2,175,482
Last week	31,336,376	3,880,850
Corresponding week last year	25,644,465	2,845,129
This month, ending to-day	140,856,710	15,643,165
Corresponding month last year	132,614,053	15,335,328

Following are the clearings by months for the years 1898-97-96, with totals, showing an increase this year of **$88,758,106** over the clearings of last year.

Month.	1896.	1897.	1898.
January	$110,502,181	$113,589,326	$125,625,838
February	91,037,549	103,168,513	110,676,125
March	97,891,941	108,121,615	120,343,884
April	98,045,622	109,017,579	116,669,316
May	93,472,053	107,414,090	120,088,720
June	92,873,919	113,842,042	119,745,040
July	92,119,083	102,701,616	109,254,727
August	87,662,394	108,909,597	106,975,599
September	88,191,404	120,130,931	114,007,204
October	96,194,530	123,005,402	131,856,546
November	97,707,736	124,189,192	139,362,353
December	112,904,371	132,614,053	140,856,710
Total	$1,158,602,783	$1,366,703,956	$1,455,462,062

CURZON IN INDIA.

The New Viceroy's Speech Made a Favorable Impression.

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.—Baron Curzon, the new Indian Viceroy, was royally received here. Salutes were fired from warships and British and American flags were displayed.

Lord Curzon's speech made a favorable impression. His promise to "hold the scales even" between the native and ruling committees was generally commented on.

ONE FIREMAN KILLED.

Another Badly Injured in a Crossing Collision at Tuscola.

TUSCOLA, Ill., Dec. 31.—A gravel train on the Illinois Central Railroad collided with a Chicago & Eastern Illinois engine hauling some empty passenger coaches at the crossing here to-day. Fireman C. Thomas of the Illinois Central engine, was killed. Fireman J. E. Morton of the C. & E. I. was badly injured and Engineer Hart of the Illinois Central was slightly injured. The blame for the collision has not been fixed. Both engines were badly damaged.

SAGASTA IS CONVALESCENT.

Senor Castellar Is Also Reported on the Road to Recovery.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—Senors Sagasta and Castellar are now convalescent. The former will be able to leave his room to-day.

Fourteen steamers are now on their way to Havana to repatriate the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba.

The report of the meeting of a dozen Spanish Generals, the purpose of which has not been divulged, has been confirmed by a member of the Cabinet, who does not deny the importance of the occurrence.

KANSAS AGAINST ROBERTS.

Utah Congressman Elect Opposed by Women and Legislators.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.—Representative Larimer has introduced in the House a resolution asking Congress not to seat B. H. Roberts, the polygamist from Utah.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Wichita will call an extra meeting to pass resolutions asking Congress not to seat Roberts because he has more than one wife.

GREAT BATTLE IN CHINA.

It Is Reported From Chun King That Imperial Forces Are Victors.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31.—The Chun King correspondent of the North China Daily News telegraphs under date of Dec. 30 that a great battle has taken place at Sahchiotsang. The engagement is said to have taken place Dec. 27 and Imperial troops are reported to have been victorious.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Loss $100,000 and Thirty Towns Deprived of Their Supply.

RED KEY, Ind., Dec. 31.—An explosion of gas followed by a fire at the Ohio and Indiana Pipe Line Co.'s compressing station, near here, caused a loss estimated at $100,000. Engineer W. E. Robinson was badly burned. Thirty or more towns are deprived of natural gas by the destruction of the station.

LIMA O., Dec. 31.—The big power house of the Lima Gas Co., located at Red Key, Ind., was destroyed by fire to-day and the city is threatened with a complete shut-off of gas. A regular blizzard is prevailing and the temperature is falling. The coal supply is being rapidly exhausted and the gas company says it will be a week before the station can be rebuilt. Great suffering will follow if the severe cold continues.

LIABILITIES $3,018,161.

The Assabet Manufacturing Co. of Maynard, Mass., Assigns.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The Assabet Manufacturing Co. of this city, with woolen mills at Maynard, have made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors to Edward Fenno of Fenno Bros. & Childs, Arthur Silsbee, Treasurer of the Cocheco Manufacturing Co. of Dover, N. H., and Jeremiah Williams of Jeremiah Williams & Co. The concern is one of the largest woolen manufacturing companies in the country. Liabilities, according to the July statement, amount to $3,018,161, including $1,000,000 capital stock.

SIX KILLED IN A MINE.

Cage Meets an Obstruction and They Fall 500 Feet.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—A special from Ishpeming, Mich., says: This morning at 6 o'clock, while nine Finnish tramers, whose namers are unknown, were coming to the surface in one of the shafts of the Lake Shore Superior Iron Co., the cage met some obstruction in the shaft that inclined the floor so as to let six men slide off, and they fell 500 feet to the bottom, being instantly killed. The three who clung to the cage were slightly injured.

HAD TURNED ON THE GAS.

Accidental Death of Rev. Father Michael Walsh.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Rev. Father Michael Walsh was found dead in his bed to-day. His room filled with gas told the manner of his death. It developed that he had accidentally turned on the gas while manipulating the electric light.

POPULIST BILL PASSES SENATE

New Railroad Law Seems to Have an Easy Way in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.—The Senate has passed the railroad bill by a vote of 26 to 13.

SUNDAY WILL BE A COLD DAY.

Mercury May Drop Below the Zero Mark.

SATURDAY SEEMED TO BE ICY ENOUGH.

FULL FORCE OF THE NORTHWESTERN STORM HAS NOT REACHED THE CITY.

ZERO WEATHER IN THE CITY'S SUBURBS.

New Year's Day Will Find the Skating at Forest Park Lake the Finest of This Winter's Freezing.

It's a cold day, and Sunday will be a colder.

There should be good skating on Post-Dispatch Lake in Forest Park Sunday afternoon. The cold weather will certainly last until after Monday, probably longer, as this is the season of the year when the weather usually is cold.

Dr. R. J. Hyatt, who is popularly supposed to have a managerial, if not a proprietary interest in the weather, is authority for all the foregoing statements, except the initiatory observation that it's a cold day. Everybody knows that, and a good many people found out before Dr. Hyatt did, that Dr. Hyatt's prediction that it was coming had been realized. The early riser got his information when he found that Mudjekeenis, the West wind, had painted pictures on the window panes, and that the water pipes were frozen and the furnace had a chill. Street car conductors and motormen knew all about it, and so did the unfortunates who had to ride in poorly-heated cars. The milkmen knew it and the policeman who walked a beat dropped in early and often to see that Barney the "barkeep" didn't overlook it.

"We didn't get to zero, but we will," said Dr. Hyatt, cheerfully. "It is 9 above in St. Louis, but if it hadn't been for the cloud that came over the city just at the coldest time and acted as a blanket the temperature would have been four or five degrees lower.

"Just look at this map! We are just outside of the zero belt. At Keokuk and Dubuque it is four below, and at Kansas City it is zero. At St. Paul the mark is 20 below, at Duluth it is 24, Moorhead 22, Bismarck 22, Huron 16, Sioux City 12, Omaha 8, Des Moines 6, Denver 22, and that is pretty cold for Denver, although it is frequently 15 below out there.

"The cold wave extends as far south as Shreveport, La. It is sleeting there. Texas is in trouble. A big norther is sweeping through the Panhnadle and carrying snow wtih it. At Amarillo it is only 10 degrees above, which is man-killing weather for that locality. At Abilene it is 16 above. It is 20 above at Fort Worth and 28 above at San Antonio, which means that business is practically suspended.

"The crest of the wave is still up in the British possessions in the Northwest, and we will get the full force of it to-morrow. The mercury here will drop to zero, anyhow, and maybe lower. It is clear in the North and West and will probably be so here. There may be a little snow, but nothing worth mentioning.

"On the Atlantic Coast the weather is still warm and damp. It is raining all along the coast and on the West Gulf and is snowing in Arkansas. At Washington the temperature is 54 above; at Baltimore and New York it is 42; at Philadelphia it is 46. On the Southern Atlantic States it is up in the sixties.

"I haven't heard from Forest Park and Shaw's Garden yet, but I have no doubt the temperature in the suburbs of St. Louis this morning was below zero.

Thirty Below Zero at Calgary.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Sixteen degrees below zero was the minimum temperature recorded last night at the weather station in this city. The coldest place on the eastern slope of the continental divide was Calgary, where the thermometer registered 30 below.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

FAIR—COLDER.

For St. Louis and vicinity: Fair to-night, Sunday and Monday; colder Saturday night.

For Missouri—Fair and continued cold Saturday night and Sunday; possibly slightly warmer west portion Sunday afternoon.

For Illinois—Fair and continued cold Saturday and Sunday.

Sun and Moon.

Sun rises at 7:19. Sun sets at 4:48. Moon rises at 8:31 a. m.

Post-Dispatch Thermometer.

7 a. m.	10	12 m.	14
8 a. m.	11	1 p. m.	14
9 a. m.	11	2 p. m.	15
10 a. m.	12	3 p. m.	15
11 a. m.	13		

In Other Cities at 7 a. m.

New York	42	Kansas City	0
Chicago	2	Little Rock	22
Cincinnati	26	New Orleans	54
Cleveland	20	Pittsburg	26
Denver	-16	St. Paul	-20
Galveston	40	Vicksburg	34
Indianapolis	18	Washington	54

POISON MYSTERY IS CLEARING.

Arrest of a Suspect Will Be Made in a Few Hours.

POLICE THINK THEY HAVE THE CASE PROVED.

MAN ACCUSED IS A DEGENERATE, WHO HAD A GRIEVANCE AGAINST CORNISH.

MATCH PLATE IS THE LEADING CLEW.

Accused Person, Though Once Held in Esteem, Was Expelled From the Club in Which His Intended Victim Was Instructor.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—It is believed that the person who sent poison to Harry Cornish of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club and indirectly caused the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams will be arrested to-day. He is a degenerate.

The man under surveillance was formerly a member of the Knickerbocker Athletic



MRS. KATE ADAMS, THE VICTIM.

Club. He was at one time a man of high social and financial standing in this city. In later years, through evil habits and evil associations, his descent was rapid.

From being unpopular in the athletic club, he latterly developed into a person with whom the members of the club felt that they could not associate. It was the conviction for some time before action was taken that he was unfit to be a member of the club. Consideration, however, for his past high standing and the remembrance of the esteem with which he had once been held prevented the club from taking the decisive step of expelling him. Things finally reached such a pass, however, that nothing else remained to be done.

A special meeting of the club was called to act upon his case. He was ignominiously expelled.

It is well known that he from the first associated Mr. Cornish with the revelation of facts which led to this action.

It is understood as a matter of fact that Mr. Cornish did hold the man in contempt, and had not hesitated to express that sentiment and to give his reasons for so doing.

All who know the person in question find but one word with which to characterize him. He is spoken of by them as of the worst type of hopeless degenerates.

It is said that he took the action of the club in expelling him with bitter resentment. It is also said that he had concentrated this feeling upon certain members of the club in particular, and conspicuous among them was Mr. Cornish.

With these general facts to guide them, the police set out to find evidence that would connect this person with the deadly parcel which was delivered to Mr. Cornish by the postman at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club on Saturday night and caused the death of Mrs. Adams on Wednesday.

First the manufacturer of the silver match plate was located. It was found that two of the limited number made were sold to Mermod & Jaccard of St. Louis. One of the others was traced to a dealer said to live in Hoboken, N. J.

The police obtained from him a minute

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WARD HEELERS NOT WANTED.

Circuit Judges Interpose on Behalf of the People.

SHERIFF POHLMAN'S TROUBLES HAVE BEGUN.

SEVEN OF HIS APPOINTMENTS SUMMARILY REJECTED FOR CAUSE.

CIRCUIT CLERK TROLL LOSES FOUR APPOINTEES.

Officers Elect Sternly Notified That the Judges Must Have Submitted to Them the Names of Good Citizens.

Sheriff-elect John H. Pohlman's term of office will not begin until next Tuesday, but his official troubles have begun already.

With a flourish of trumpets he announced the appointment of his subordinates Friday. He had studied them carefully and knew just how much each of them would advance his own interests. He wished to put himself on solid political ground, and he felt he had successfully accomplished his purposes. Consequently he was happy.

It was with confidence that he submitted the appointments to the Circuit Judges of St. Louis in general term, to receive their approval, according to the law. He had no idea they would interfere in any way with his plans.

But they did. They "sat down on him hard," and rejected, without any conditions, seven of the assistants whom he had named.

The session of the judges was held behind closed doors, and only members of the St. Louis judiciary were admitted. All of them have refused to discuss the subject, and it is, therefore, difficult to learn the definite causes of their action.

But it is said by knowing ones at the Courthouse that the judges were dissatisfied with the manner in which the rejected appointments were made. They believed those appointees had been named without regard to their fitness for public office. They could not approve the scheme to load incompetent deputies upon the people merely because the interest of a political machine would be promoted by it.

It is said the judges called Mr. Pohlman before them and told him plainly they would not approve the appointment of any subordinate who was not thoroughly reputable and capable of performing any duties that might be assigned to him. Pohlman demurred to the proceedings of the judges, but he was immediately commanded to keep his protests to himself, as the law held the judiciary responsible for the character of the assistants in the Sheriff's office and they intended to perform their duties as they interpreted them. They said that, under no circumstances would they approve the seven appointments and that the only thing for Pohlman to do was to submit new names to them for their consideration.

Mr. Pohlman's attorney, Ford Smith, was on hand to argue that his client had a right to use his own discretion in making appointments, but he was not given a hearing.

It is said the judges were very angry because they believed Mr. Pohlman had tried to impose upon them.

Another session will be held Saturday afternoon, and if Mr. Pohlman has prepared a new list of names to take the places of the rejected ones, he may have another hearing.

Circuit Clerk-elect Henry Troll is in the same predicament with Mr. Pohlman. Four of his appointees have been rejected for the same reasons that caused the judges to refuse to approve Pohlman's appointments. He, too, will be compelled to name other assistants in the places of those rejected.

The action of the judges in these two cases has caused consternation among the gang of ward heelers that constantly infests the corridors of the Courthouse. Saturday morning groups of them could be seen discussing the regukes administered to Troll and Pohlman. The burden of their grief was that a serious blow had been struck at the "pull" in local politics.

FEAR AIDED JUSTICE.

Paroled Illinois Prisoner Returns After a Year's Absence.

CHESTER, Ill., Dec. 31.—David Warner, after a year's absence from the State's prison here, has returned to continue his service. September 27, 1897, he was paroled to I. V. Park at Joliet, but never reached his destination. He changed cars at Springfield and went East. He says he has feared that his identity would become known.

IN THE FIGHT FOR SPEAKER.

Mr. Lee Stands by His Post-Dispatch Interview.

CORPORATION INFLUENCE WITH THE GOVERNOR.

MR. WHITECOTTON RETURNED TO HIS HOME FOR A FEW DAYS' REST.

ADMINISTRATION HAS SWITCHED BACK TO POPE.

Contest Over the Speakership of the Missouri House of Representatives Developing Into a Warm Fight.

George T. Lee's interview, declaring the Governor had joined with the co[illegible] tions to elect the Speaker of the Mis[illegible] House in the Post-Dispatch Friday, [illegible] somewhat the effect of a bombshell [illegible] among politicians who are figuring [illegible] Speakership contest.

It knocked all their previous calc[illegible] into a cocked hat, and they had [illegible] justed themselves Saturday morn[illegible] James H. Whitecotton went to [illegible] at Paris, Mo., Friday night, well [illegible] with the situation. Mr. Lee's [illegible] gained support for him from an un[illegible] source. Mr. Lee said things that M[illegible] cotton has probably been anxious th[illegible] of Missouri should know, but whi[illegible] role of the persecuted candidate [illegible] want to say himself.

What Mr. Ward and the Govern[illegible] about it is not of record.

Mr. Lee was at first afraid he ha[illegible] his chances by talking so freely, a[illegible] of his friends were for the mome[illegible] stricken. In the midst of the pa[illegible] Mr. Lee gave to a morning paper a half-hearted denial of the interview, which was real[illegible] ly a confirmation.

Then wiser counsels prevailed and Saturday morning Mr. Lee "stood pat" on the Post-Dispatch's interview.

"I was quoted correctly by the Post-Dispatch," he said, "and I stand by the inter[illegible] view. I have been fought under cover [illegible] my interview brings the fight into the op[illegible] I have no doubt that the Governor [illegible] combined with the corporations to [illegible] a Speaker."

The story of the conference at Jef[illegible] City between Mr. Ward, the Governor, Col. John H. Carroll and Col. W. H. Ph[illegible] over the speakership has been revi[illegible] since Friday, when it was given out th[illegible] it resulted in the selection of Ward as [illegible] administration and corporation candid[illegible] for Speaker.

It seems that such was the purpose of [illegible] conference, but that W. S. Pope of C[illegible] County got wind of what was going on [illegible] headed it off. Pope has much of the [illegible] dog in his make-up and is an ugly custo[illegible] to trifle with. It is said he went to [illegible] Governor and told him he wouldn't al[illegible] himself to be picked up and laid aside [illegible] the pleasure of the executive and his c[illegible] poration allies. Mr. Pope is said to h[illegible] reminded the Governor that he entered [illegible] race for Speaker solely upon his pro[illegible] of support and the support of his frie[illegible] and the programme must be carried ou[illegible] there would be trouble.

This determined stand had the effect [illegible] Pope wished for, and the latest advices [illegible] that the administration-corporation [illegible] bination has put Mr. Ward on a shelf [illegible] is now behind Mr. Pope.

This was the chief topic of discussion [illegible] the Laclede Hotel Saturday.

Richard A. Slater of Kansas City, wh[illegible] a candidate for Assistant Chief Clerk of [illegible] House, arrived in St. Louis Saturday mo[illegible] ing. "Dick," as he is better known, [illegible] newspaper man, and has served as a c[illegible] respondent at Jefferson City during seve[illegible] legislative sessions. During the late ca[illegible] paign he was assistant secretary of [illegible] Democratic State Committee.

State Senator John F. Morton of R[illegible] County is also at the Laclede Hotel. [illegible] is deeply interested in the candidacy [illegible] W. R. Painter for Secretary of the Sena[illegible] Representative "Jack" Slate of Mar[illegible] County is at the Laclede. He is the auth[illegible] of the bill to assess all negotiable pa[illegible] which passed the last Assembly, but w[illegible] vetoed by the Governor.

TO DISARM THE FILIPINOS.

This Is Said to Be the Order of [illegible] President to Gen. Otis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—It is pres[illegible] that by this time the proclamation [illegible] President setting forth the co[illegible] under which the United States take[illegible] session of the Philippines has been [illegible] mulgated at Manila by Gen. Otis. [illegible] proclamation is about 2000 words [illegible] length and was cabled to Manila at a[illegible] pense of $1900. It is modeled on th[illegible] issued by Gen. Shafter at Santiago [illegible] this Government took possession o[illegible] city and province, but has been [illegible] amplified.

It is stated in reports sent [illegible] Washington that home rule unde[illegible] supreme direction of the United St[illegible] by the terms of the proclamation [illegible] given to the Filipinos in the fullest [illegible] and that it promises that they will [illegible] corded a voice in local governmen[illegible] shall be eligible to official positions, [illegible] will be given a fair judiciary, freed[illegible] speech and of the press.

The manner of the treatment of [illegible] ty and the collection and adminis[illegible] of the revenues in accordance wi[illegible] open-door policy set forth in the tr[illegible] fully stated.

While the rule of conduct of the [illegible] can officers will be in the line ju[illegible] cated, the proclamation also show[illegible] it is the purpose of the United St[illegible] adopt radical measures if necess[illegible] maintenance of law and order. [illegible] structions accompanying the procl[illegible] it is further said, require Gen. Otis [illegible] immediate steps to secure the dis[illegible] of the insurgents.

Disquieting advices have been [illegible] from Major General Otis respectin[illegible] titude of Aguinaldo and his [illegible] forces. Gen. Otis has not yet been [illegible] formed of the result of the instru[illegible] transmitted by him to the army exped[illegible] sent to Iloilo.

A cablegram from Gen. Otis [illegible] yesterday, was read by Secretary [illegible] at the Cabinet meeting, and wa[illegible] encouraging to the officials.

Officials are disinclined to make [illegible] Gen. Otis' dispatch, as they fear [illegible] give rise to apprehension concern[illegible] situation in the Philippines.

An Illinois Murderer De[illegible]

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 31.—Louis [illegible] alias Oehrke, under arrest for th[illegible] of William Manning of Chicago[illegible] ville, Ill., died at the Cottage [illegible] this city this morning.

THE DEPARTING YEAR'S GOOD-BY!



UBAN FLAG IS BARRED.

t Allowed Beside Stars and Stripes in Havana.

'BANS HAVE ACCEPTED JUBILEE POSTPONEMENT.

EY WILL BE ALLOWED TO CELEBRATE TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT FEB. 24.

SPANIARDS WILL FORMALLY RETIRE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Exercises Will Be Imposing, but Will Be Participated in Only by the United States and the Evacuating Armies.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—American flags will be raised on the forts and bateries encircling the city, the Custom House, the police headquarters and the military offices when the Spanish surrender them. The Cuban police officials asked Col. Moulton if they might raise a Cuban flag at the police headquarters beside the American. Col. Moulton denied the request.

Lieut.-Col. Livermore of the Corps of Engineers, Lieut.-Col. R. Birnie of the Ordnance Department and Lieut. Corbonell will go to receive Morro Castle and Cabanas fortress from the Spaniards, and Company C, Fourth Virginia Volunteers, Capt. Mayo, will occupy the fort and castle temporarily.

The city is quiet, and the news from Washington that the administration approved of Gen. Ludlow's letter to the Junta Patriotica and the text of the letter itself, had a tranquillizing effect. The prom a celebration at some future time in h the American authorities would take helped to reconcile the Cubans to the ion and addresses of the Junta, which ot agree on this report until after an ht discussion, but the radicals finally d. At first in the insurgent camp out the city much hot talk was indulged e younger officers, but they cooled

ban commanders now declare there o trouble from insurgents trying Havana, and they seem able to ir promise. The feeling of disap it among the Cubans is undeniable, are controlling themselves better s expected.

eement in conference of Gens. nd Menocal full sway will be given ns for a grand insurgent celebra be held in Havana Feb. 24, the iniversary of the uprising in San vince. Gen. Brooke told Menocal insurgents might march and feast hearts' content at that time.

W this became known good feeling revived and plans were immediately begun for a week's celebration. It has already been decided that formal disbandment of the insurgent force shall take place Feb. 24.

The address of the Junta Patriotica regarding the abandonment of the proposed demonstration on occasion of the retirement of the Spaniards to-morrow has been widely circulated. It is as follows:

"To the people of Havana—In accordance with the wishes of the American authorities the directory of the Junta Patriotica, consultation with the main committee, agreed to suspend the festivities ned to celebrate the independence of e island. In a reasonable letter to the mmission charged with presenting the stival programme, Gen. Ludlow has indicated the desirability of suspending, for the esent, public demonstrations, owing to a mor that at the present moment, when e Cuban police are not yet organized, re might be some interruption of public der, in the preservation of which all ply intetrested.

"At the same time Gen. Ludlow declares at the American authorities are in full mpathy with the joyous feeling of the bans, and that when the situation bees more settled they will take pleasure promoting such festivals as have been osed, and will even participate in them. the American authorities are cond that the present moment is not opne for celebrations.

"view of the fact that the considera thus urged are quite in accord with ous good judgment, the representa of the directory have determined to end the festivals arranged for the ing week, which will be carried out as as circumstances permit. The direc regrets the existence of such doubts misgivings as prevent the carrying of the programme as projected, but y have agreed to recommend to the ans to co-operate in maintaining order ng the change of flags and in the days owing, because they are convinced that moderation, and orderly behavior of e Cuban people at these moments will werfully influence the future destiny of country."

t 10 o'clock to-morrow morning the ited States troops will occupy the za in front of the Captain-General's ace and the adjacent streets, the Span troops withdrawing and proceeding to transports awaiting them.

aptain-General Castellanos and the mbers of his staff will remain in the tain-General's apartment. Early in the ning the details of United States troops enter Morro Castle and Cabanas Fortress, the Spanish troops thereupon withing to the transports, with the ex n of a detachment of artillerymen, will remain behind to fire a salute to merican flag.

United States Military Commission nd their staff; Maj.-Gen. Brooke, Military Governor of the island; Maj.-Gen. Military Governor of the Province of na; Maj.-Gen. Ludlow, Military Governor of the City of Havana, with their will join Capt.-Gen. Castellanos to oon in the state salon of the palace. palace roof will be a Spanish offi robably of Captain's rank. Sergeants guard of privates, with Maj. Butler detail of United States infantry. ediately following the boom of the an salute to the red and golden flag the Spanish officer will lower the Maj. Butler will raise the Stars ipes, the Spanish guns saluting. ter salute will carry its special signi to the brilliant company inside the and Capt.-Gen. Castellanos, in a rds, will transfer the government to en. Wade of the United States Mili Commission, who, after replying to aptain-General, will transfer it to en. Brooke, Military Governor of

on as these ceremonies are over -General Castellanos will leave the escorted by the United States proceeding across the Plaza to the Rabat, upon which he will embark tanzas. As the Captain-General the Plaza the United States troops up there will salute. reception will follow in the state after which the American General mmanders will go to the Hotel In to review a column of United roops.

Wade, the son of Major-General will raise the American flag over astle and Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., over Fortress. It appears that the aval authorities have offered to ately the signal flags, staffs and aids to navigation at Morro Castle. the United States Military Commis heard of it Brigadier-General Clous ed to Captain-General Castellanos. atter, who said he was quite unaware y such attempt, promptly issued or the contrary.

United States Military Commissioners robably sail for the United States

Cuban citizens in Havana and the soldiers outside the city are intensely but the patriotic committee and military chiefs of the Cubans think quiet this feeling and prevent vi

has announced the compo staff as follows: Chief of Staff; Capts. and Campbell and Lieut. Castleton, Aids; Richards, adjutant-general; Cannon, Assistant Adjutant-General; Dudley, Judge Advocate; Humphrey, Quartermaster; Bliss, Chief of Customs; Abriel Smith, Chief Commissary; Dr. O'Reilly, Chief Surgeon; George Smith, Chief Paymaster, and Col. Dunwoody, Chief Signal Officer.

STATE TEACHERS ADJOURN.

Officers Elected and the Time of the Next Meeting Fixed.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—The next meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held December 27, 28 and 29, 1899, in this city.

The following officers were yesterday elected: President, R. H. Jesse, Columbia; Corresponding Secretary, Oliver Stigall, Chillicothe; Recording Secretary, Miss Marie L. Turner, St. Louis; Railroad Secretary, W. J. Hawkins, Kansas City; First Vice-President, L. W. Rood, Caruthersville; Second Vice-President, J. M. Stephenson, Neosho; Third Vice-President, W. D. Groves, Tarkio; Fourth Vice-President, W. C. Thompson, Kansas City.

The flag for the greatest number of teachers enrolled, distance and number of teachers in the county being considered, was awarded to St. Louis County, on a percentage of 49. The second prize went to St. Francois County.

The following Committee on High School Legislation was appointed: W. S. Dearmont, Kirkwood; N. A. Hoover, Lamonte; G. V. Buchanan, Sedalia; J. R. Kirk and S. M. Barnet, Independence.

On the subject of compulsory education, the association adopted the following resolution, introduced by H. W. Prentiss of St. Louis:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that effective laws should be passed immediately properly restricting child labor and enforcing the constitutional right of every child to a common school education."

A most notable paper on this resolution was read by Mrs. Belle Castleman Carroll of St. Louis, who afterward attracted much court and attention at the Governor's reception.

The following committee was appointed to work to secure the above legislation: John R. Kirk, W. T. Carrington, Jefferson City; H. W. Prentiss, St. Louis; W. H. Black, Marshall; E. C. Elliott, St. Louis; R. L. Yeager, Kansas City, and Anna Lou Clark, Chillicothe.

The State School Board Association elected the following officers:

President, Walter Williams, Columbia; secretary, Speed Mosby, Jefferson City; treasurer, A. F. Woodruff, Bethany.

Post No Bills

unless you have them posted by the MERCHANTS' BILL POSTING CO., W. F. Williamson, Prop.

AN UNEXPECTED PRISONER.

Detective Killian, While Looking for an Impostor, Found a Young Girl.

Millie McCausland, 17 years old, and as pretty as she is wayward, is a prisoner in the matron's department at the Four Courts, held for her own protection.

In a holdover cage at the Four Courts is William Kearney, and unless he pays $50 fine, he will be transferred to the Workhouse.

Kearney, it is alleged, made a tour of the town Friday night, representing himself to be Detective Lee Killian, and demanded recognition as a privileged character by reason of his alleged official position. When Detective Killian heard of this he at once set out to see about it.

He found the McCausland girl, the chief complainant, at 108 North Fourteenth street, in a questionable place. The extremely girlish appearance of the complainant caused Detective Killian to ask a few questions.

"I am 17," laughingly said the girl.

"Then you come with me," said the detective.

He delivered her to Matron Gilbert held for investigation as to her age. Then he continued his search for the impostor. He finally found him and he gave the name of William Kearney.

Judge Peabody said such a man ought to be handled severely, so he fined him $50.

The amusing thing about the situation is that Kearney resembles Detective Killian about as much as Rudyard Kipling resembles Mark Hanna.

An effort will be made to commit the girl to a reformatory institution. She says she came here a few months ago from Greenville, Ill., because a cruel father made home-life a burden to her. This story is being investigated.

RANDALL STILL ABSENT.

Building Commissioner Remains Out of the City on Leave.

J. Harry Randall, Commissioner of Public Buildings, did not go to the City Hall Saturday to explain his financial transactions with Alfred Smith, colored janitor.

Mr. Randall is on one of his frequent trips out of the city. He has been missing since last Saturday. He is not expected back until Tuesday.

Under date of Dec. 23, Mr. Randall applied for a leave of absence from Dec. 27 to Dec. 31. A leave was granted him for that period. He did not wait for the 27th to avail himself of the leave. He left on the 24th. The leave expires Saturday night. He will not be back at his office until Tuesday morning.

This is what an attache of his office said when he was asked Friday afternoon.

Mr. Randall passes little of his time at the City Hall. He has an architect's office on the ninth floor of the Wainwright building, where he can generally be found.

GRANTED A "SICK" PARDON.

E. C. Southard of St Louis Received Executive Clemency.

Gov. Stephens granted a sick pardon, Saturday, to E. C. Southard, who went to the penitentiary from St. Louis in 1897 for three years for obtaining money under false pretenses. The prison physician recommended the pardon. Judge Withrow, Dr. John D. Vincil, Nathan Frank, Dr. John Mathews and other leading citizens are reported to have recommended clemency.

Southard was employed by E. E. Paramore, who was in the real estate business. Mr. Paramore charged him with forging his name to a check for $2000.

The young man disappeared, but was arrested in Chicago, where he was having a good time with the money.

He was convicted May 17, 1897, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He belonged to a good family.

AFTER A SECOND TRIAL.

Mrs. Catherine Housmann Says Her Husband Proved Unworthy.

Mrs. Catherine Housmann has instituted proceedings for divorce against her husband, Conrad Housmann.

She alleged that in 1895 she began a similar proceeding against him, charging him with maltreatment and abuse and with failing to support her. She says that Housmann visited her after her petition was filed and promised that, if she would withdraw it, he would behave himself. She agreed to this, and they returned to each other. She alleges that she had not been with him many weeks before he began to treat her cruelly again. Her life has been made miserable since by his conduct and she says that she is done with him.

Holiday Excursion Rates via Vandalia-Pennsylvania Lines.

INCORPORATIONS.

Incorporation articles of the Meyer-Goessling Cloak Co. were filed Saturday. The capital stock is $13,300, one-half of which is paid.

The St. Louis Sweat Pad Works has been incorporated. It has a capital stock of $12,000, which is held by Carl Lothmann, Charles Thieling and William Lanfersieck.

The Carthage Investment Co. was incorporated Saturday with a capital stock of $20,000. It will do a general mining and real estate business. William T. Haarstick and John W. Kaufman are interested in it.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. Genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

HONOR TO MORRILL.

FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE PATRIARCH STATESMAN HELD IN THE SENATE CHAMBER.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY PRESENT.

The Casket Is Banked by Flowers and the Ceremonies Are Impressive and Pathetic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Funeral services over the late Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont were held in the United States Senate chamber at noon to-day with impressive dignity in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, including the President and Vice-President of the United States, members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Speaker of the House and representatives of the army, navy and of the diplomatic corps, as well as a concourse of private citizens, who took this means of testifying the affectionate regard in which Mr. Morrill was universally held.

Earley in the day the remains were borne from the family residence on Massachusetts avenue to the Capitol. There was no service at the house and the funeral cortage to the Capitol was simple and formal.

Arriving there the casket was carried direct to the Senate Chamber and deposited in the semi-circular area, immediately in front of the presiding officer's desk. The casket was of rich but simple design, with black broadcloth covering and heavy oxidized silver handles. A silver plate on top bore the inscription:

JUSTIN SMITH MORRILL.
1810-1898.

After the willing hands of Senate employes who had so long served the Senator in life, had arranged the multitude of flowers which had been sent, the lid of the casket was removed, disclosing the calm and peaceful face of the dead statesman. In the repose of death, the features still showed a rugged strength and firmness. The arms were folded across the breast and the eyes looked upward vacantly.

Banked high on the lower part of the casket, all about it, and covering the desks up to the presiding officer's desk, was a profusion of plants, flowers, floral emblems, palms and garlands of smilax leaves.

MARRIAGES FLOURISHED.

"Land Office Business" Done by the Recorder of Deeds in 1898.

The institution of marriage has flourished in St. Louis during the past year.

Since Jan. 1, 1898, Clerk Charles Bilhartz has issued 4986 marriage licenses, or more than 16 for every business day. Of this number 30 have not been used: the others represent marriages, the certificates of which have been filed with the Recorder of Deeds.

During 1897 the number of marriage licenses issued was 4845, or a fraction over 16 for every working day. About 25 of these were returned unused.

During 1898 the number of divorce cases filed was 913. Of these the records show that 562 were granted, 100 refused, 128 dismissed by the plaintiffs, and the others are still pending. About 70 per cent charge abandonment, while cruelty, statutory reasons and failure to support constitute the principal charges in the remaining 30 per cent of the petitions.

During 1897 about 750 divorce cases were filed and 565 were granted. The others were either dismissed by the plaintiffs or refused by the courts.

JUDGE VALLIANT SWORN IN.

Becomes a Supreme Court Judge and Receives an Address.

Judge L. B. Valliant took the oath of office as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri before the Circuit Judges in general term Saturday.

At the conclusion of this ceremony he was presented with an address by his associates on the bench, Judges Kline, Talty, Withrow, Fisher, Wood, Spencer, Zachritz, and Flitcraft.

The address recites that for more than 12 years Judge Valiant had been a member of the St. Louis Circuit Court and that during that time he faithfully labored to promote justice and to administer the law righteously. It expresses the hope that Judge Valiant will become one of the most distinguished members of the Supreme Court.

WHITNEY APPEALS HIS CASE.

He Wants the Supreme Court to Pass Upon Sparring Exhibitions.

C. M. Napton, appearing as attorney for C. W. Whitney, the prize fight promoter, who was fined $500 and costs for conducting illegal sparring exhibitions in the Commercial Club some weeks ago, submitted a motion for a new trial Saturday morning in the Court of Criminal Correction.

Judge Clark overruled the motion, and a further motion in arrest of judgment was made by Mr. Napton.

This will have the effect of bringing the case to the Supreme Court on appeal, which will be granted next Saturday.

ZOLA'S SECRET PAPERS.

He Says They Implicate Zurlinden and the Bonapartists.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Several of the morning papers published an interview with Emile Zola, who says he is only kept in England by the entreaties of his friends. He says he possesses startling documents concerning the relations of Gen. Zurlinden (Military Governor of Paris) with the Bonapartists.

ARSENIC IN COFFEE.

Whole Texas Family Dying From a Mysterious Poisoning.

BRENHAM, Tex., Dec. 31.—Arsenic in their coffee poisoned Frank Somack, his wife and five children at Shelby, Austin County. Two are dead and it is thought none can recover. It is not known who administered the poison.

AIM BETTER AT HIMSELF.

Jersey City Suicide First Tried to Kill Wife and Stepdaughter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Karl Kierdelberger of Jersey City tried to murder his wife Christina and his stepdaughter, Mary Brodel, to-day. After he had shot them both and believed they had been fatally wounded, he put a bullet in his right temple and died almost instantly. His wife may recover. The stepdaughter was not seriously hurt.

NANCY HANKS' MEMORY.

Union Veterans Will Erect a Monument in Her Honor.

DES MOINES, Io., Dec. 31.—A monument to the mother of Abraham Lincoln is to be erected by the old soldiers of the Second Iowa Brigade, three regiments from Illinois, the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and two from Indiana, the Twenty-sixth and Fifty-third.

Parker's Headache Powders

Are safe and sure. 10c. All dr gists.

"ALL A PACK OF LIES."

OUTBREAK OF THE MASTER COMMISSIONER IN THE STANDARD OIL CASE.

SCORES ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Says the Allegations Asking for His Removal Are False and So Known to Monnett.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—"I don't propose to be imposed upon by a pack of lies." So spoke Col. Allan T. Brinsmade, Master Commissioner in the Standard Oil case, to-day. Col. Brinsmade referred to the statements made by Attorney-General Monnett in his petition to the Supreme Court asking that Col. Brinsmade be removed as Special Commissioner in the fight against the Standard Oil Co., being waged by the Attorney-General of Ohio.

The Master Commissioner was not only indignant; he was thoroughly mad. He characterized all the statements of the Attorney-General in asking for his removal as absolutely false. Every statement was false, the Commissioner declared. There was not the slightest doubt in his mind, he said, but that the Supreme Court would sit down on the Attorney-General good and proper.

"I shall prepare a statement," said Mr. Brinsmade, "to be presented to the Supreme Court next Thursday, showing to the court the Attorney-General has made statements that are untrue, and which he knows to be untrue, by which he has not only placed me in a false position, but has also imposed upon the court.

"Last week I set January 4 as the time for resuming the taking of testimony in this case. I shall subpena witnesses and will be ready at that time. The case will be resumed unless it is again delayed by the Attorney-General."

WANTS CRETE DISARMED.

France Demands the Destruction of All Defenses.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—France has demanded of the great powers the destruction of the fortifications of Crete.

In the event of a big European war in the Mediterranean, neither Prince George nor the Cretans would be strong enough to hold them against a great nation, and were a power once in possession of Candia, for instance, after having seized the place by a coup de main, it would be almost impossible to dislodge it.

The note of M. Delcasse is obviously aimed at Great Britain, which, from Malta and from Cyprus, could pour troops into the island.

It is regarded as probable that the demands of France will be granted.

HARVEY SYNDICATE WINS.

The American Secures Control of Havana Street Railways.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The American syndicate formed by Col. G. B. M. Harvey has acquired title to the Urbano Ferro Carril lines of street railway in Havana. Those who concluded the deal are still liable to the arrest with which Civil Governor De Castro threatens them.

Senor Gelats, a banker, who acted as financial agent for the American syndicate, placed in the hands of Segundo Alvarez, President of the Urbano Co., a certified check for $1,472,000, representing the full payment at 92 per cent of the par value of the company's stock, amounting to $1,600,000. Actual possession will be taken Jan. 1.

ANNIE MACKEOWN ILL.

She and Her Baby Transferred to the City Hospital.

Dr. Jordan of the City Dispensary called at the Four Courts Saturday morning on request of Jailer Huebler to examine into the health of Annie MacKeown, who seems to have broken down under the nervous strain of detention.

He found her condition serious, and upon his certificate she and the baby were removed to the City Hospital, there to be held prisoner until her case is set, which will not be for some weeks.

Policeman Cooney, who made the arrest, went to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Johnson's office and applied for a further warrant for petty larceny against the woman. Further developments seem to implicate Mrs. MacKeown's husband in the thefts, although he has stoutly protested his innocence.

It seems that Mrs. Mackeown robbed a house on Cates avenue where Miss Minnie Neiderholt was employed, and from her abstracted several rings and a bracelet. Upon searching the pawn shops all the jewelry was found and MacKeown was identified as the man who had pledged them.

He still denies complicity, but the evidence is of such a nature against him that a warrant may be sworn out. He is not yet under arrest.

PELLEUX'S TREACHERY.

He Discloses Picquart's Connection With a Divorce Suit.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The citation of Col. Picquart, who is still detained in the military prison of Cherche Midi, to appear as co-respondent in a divorce case, which has just been decided against the respondent, despite the absence of the Colonel, has served to bring to light an almost inconceivable act of dishonor on the part of Gen. Pelleux, one of the former chiefs of the general staff, who has been conspicuous with Gen. de Boisdeffre, above all other field officers, by his bitterness against Picquart and against the revision of the Dreyfus trial.

It seems, that when, during the absence of Col. Picquart, his residence was searched and all his correspondence seized, Gen. Pellieux discovered among the correspondence a number of love letters addressed to the Colonel by a married woman and the mother of a couple of young children.

He sent the letters to the woman's husband, who brought suit, citing the Colonel as co-respondent.

SHAFTER AND MERRITT.

One Goes to New York, the Other to San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It is announced that Maj-Gen. Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., has been relieved from command of the Department of the Pacific and from further duty pertaining to the Philippine Islands, and will proceed to New York City and assume command of the Department of the East.

Maj.-Gen. William R. Shafter, U. S. V., has been relieved from the command of the Department of the East and assigned to the command of the Department of California, to relieve Maj.-Gen. Henry C. Merriam. Gen. Shafter will proceed at once to San Francisco.

THOUGHT BETTER OF IT.

Celebration of Defeat of Jameson Is Forbidden by Krueger.

PRETORIA Dec. 31.—Owing to the action of President Krueger forbidding the proposed celebration on Jan. 2 of the defeat of the Jameson raid when, at the suggestion of the Pretoria Volks Stein, the project was to burn Dr. Jameson in effigy, the celebration has been abandoned. There is no doubt that such an observance of Jameson Day as planned would have led to serious riots.

SAVED A TABLE CLOTH

AND THE TABLECLOTH SAVED MRS. HAMILTON FROM A TERRIBLE DEATH.

GASOLINE STOVE TO BLAME.

Prettiest Residence in Old Orchard Burned and the Mistress of the House Narrowly Escaped.

Mrs. C. W. Hamilton of Old Orchard narrowly escaped being burned to death Friday evening when her home was destroyed. A gasoline stove caused the fire.

Mrr. Hamilton was preparing supper and after filling the reservoir of the stove, had placed upon it the various cooking utensils she would require. After lighting the burners of the stove she left the kitchen, closing the door after her. She returned about a minute later.

When she opened the door she looked into a roaring furnace. The interior of the kitchen was in flames. The fire, fanned by the draught created by the opened door, enveloped her from head to foot. She retained her presence of mind, and running into the dining room snatched up the cloth and wrapped it around herself, smothering the fire that had caught her dress. She then ran to the yard.

The fire spread so rapidly that Mrs. Hamilton was unable to save anything except the red table cloth which had also saved her.

Neighbors attempted to save the house, a two-story frame structure, but it was useless, and in two hours what had been the handsomest residence in Old Orchard was a pile of hot ashes and glowing cinders. The loss was about $5000; insurance, $1800.

Mrs. Hamilton was taken to the house of a friend and tenderly cared for until the arrival of her husband, C. W. Hamilton of the Jefferson Mantel Co. Coming in sight of the ruins of where his home had formerly stood and being in ignorance of what had transpired, Mr. Hamilton was almost beside himself until assured that his wife was saved. He intends to rebuild, but he will not have a gasoline stove in his new building.

NEW CASES OF GRIP.

Three Received at the Hospital and Others Expected.

Three new cases of grip were received at the City Hospital Saturday.

The victims are Charles Irmer, 4212 Vista avenue; John Mehan, 4383 Chouteau avenue, and Ernest Tiney, 823 North Sixth street.

All are under 30 years of age. In neither is the malady severe.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Dean believes grip is on the increase in St. Louis.

"A sudden change in the weather is apt to cause it," said he Saturday, "while the extreme cold is always a strong ally. Of course the grip is nothing more or less than a very severe cold, but it is dangerous and requires prompt treatment.

"People cannot be too careful of their health with the thermometer at zero. Wearing an overcoat or hat indoors is a ready producer of this ailment. Still I do not believe it has attained a strong foothold in St. Louis. I haven't seen a death result from it this winter.

"Diphtheria is not so prevalent as it was in 1897. One of the few cases we have had was a 5-year-old child, received here yesterday. She died last night. Her case was hopeless from the start.

"Two other children in the same family also have diphtheria.

"The hospital contains only a few persons suffering from pneumonia. This is unusual. In other years the wards were generally crowded at this time with pneumonia victims."

THE POPE THINKS OF DREYFUS.

His Encyclical Will Condemn the Anti-Semitic Crusade.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Daily Chronicle says:

"In clerical circles it is asserted that the Pope will issue an encyclical, condemning the anti-Semitic crusade in Algeria, and incidentally alluding to the Dreyfus case."

TO GO TO PEACE FOOTING.

Orders Issued for Discharge of 800 Men in the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Orders have been issued by Secretary Long, directing the discharge of a large number of men who enlisted for one year from ships undergoing repairs at the various navy yards.

These orders are in line with the Secretary's intention to reduce the navy to a peace footing as rapidly as possible. There are now 19,000 enlisted men on the rolls, every one of whom is needed to man ships which are in commission. It is evident to the authorities, however, that the treaty of peace will be ratified, and then immediate reduction to a peace footing must be made. Beside the extraordinary appropriations made by Congress limited the use of the money until Jan. 1, 1899, and expenses must be cut down to permit the navy to run on the old scale of expenditures.

Under orders issued by the Department, it is expected that at least 800 men will be discharged. The result will be to make a number of vessels shorthanded. It is proposed to acquaint Congress with this condition of the service, and it is believed that authority will be given in the forthcoming naval appropriation bill for 20,000 men and 25,000 boys, as recommended by Secretary Long.

It is proposed by the Navy Department to give the auxiliary yacht Scorpion a much lighter battery than that she now carries. It was found during a recent storm she encountered off Cape Hatteras, and which compelled her to return to Port Royal, that the battery was too heavy for her, and upon the recommendation of her commanding officer it will be removed and lighter guns given her.

DAMAGES FOR A BROKEN ARM.

Lee Williams Seeks $2000 From the Lindell Railway.

Lee Williams asks $2000 damages from the Lindell Railway Co. for a broken arm which he received while on one of the defendant's cars last September.

He alleges that when he boarded the car he rested his elbow in a window and that the poor condition of the track at Thirteenth street and Washington avenue caused the car to give a sudden lurch, throwing his arm through the window and striking it against a trolley pole.

SHE IS IN AUSTRIA.

And Johanna Weber's Husband Wants to Be Divorced.

Edward Weber is seeking to be divorced from Johanna Weber. He alleges that she deserted him in Austria in 1875. He says that he tried to persuade her to live with him many times and that, when he prepared to come to America in 1884, he requested her to accompany him, but she refused.

She is still living in Austria.

FORTUNE LOST BY LOVE.

Lawrence Jerome Disinherited for Marrying a Servant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Because of "unfilial conduct" Lawrence R. Jerome, Jr., was disinherited by his mother, whose will has just been probated. He married a servant in his mother's house. He is now living with his wife in furnished rooms in this city, and has been employed as a snow shoveler by the street cleaning department this winter. His mother's estate amounts to about $75,000.

SHAFTER WANTS A WORD.

His Criticism of Sampson So Severe That It Is Withheld.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Gen. Shafter has submitted to Secretary Alger a report regarding his relations with the navy while about Santiga that is so severe in its remarks about Admiral Sampson that it has been withheld from publication, though the General's request was that it be given to the press.

The report is so manifestly of a personal nature that it probably will be revised before it is made public. At any rate it will be submitted to Secretary Long in view of the tart allusions made to Sampson and the fact that in a way the Shafter statement reflects upon the Secretary of the Navy, who has accepted Admiral Sampson's view and in his annual report made a significant allusion to Gen. Shafter's attitude toward the navy.

Much interest is taken in the Shafter statement, which denies all of Admiral Sampson's assertions. It is charged by Gen. Shafter that Admiral Sampson failed to carry out his part of the programme as agreed upon at a conference attended by Shafter, Sampson, Garcia and their respective aides.

Col. Miley, who was Gen. Shafter's aide, makes an affidavit as to the nature and result of the conference, and swears that Lieut. Staunton, who was Sampson's aide on that occasion, received a copy of the programme agreed upon by the three commanding officers.

NO SALARIES FOR CLERKS.

Probability That There Will Be No Probate Business Next Week.

The Municipal Assembly has failed to pass the bill providing for salaries for Clerks of the Probate Court, and it is probable that that court will not be able to transact business next week.

"I don't know what I shall do," said Clerk Koenig Saturday. "I can't appoint any assistants until the Assembly makes an appropriation for their compensation. I cannot possibly do the business of the office myself, and it is practically assured that Probate Court matters will not be administered next week.

"The work of the office will be greatly hampered by the Assembly's negligence, and I fear that my duties will accumulate so rapidly that I shall never be able to catch up with them."

FENDER SAVED HER LIFE.

Lulu Newport Struck by a Jefferson Avenue Car.

Lulu Newport owes her life to a street car fender. She is an 11-year-old miss who fell under a Jefferson avenue street car at Jefferson avenue and Wash street Friday evening.

The only injury noticeable is an abrasion of the right hand. The little girl lives at 2622 Wash street. The car that struck her was No. 15 of the Jefferson avenue line. But for the fender the child would have been crushed.

MRS. H. CLAY PIERCE ILL.

Wife of the President of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co.

Mrs. H. Clay Pierce of Vandeventer place, wife of the president of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, is seriously ill at her home.

She is being attended by Dr. Young H. Bond. It is said the illness is the result of a surgical operation.

POISON MYSTERY IS CLEARING.

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and detailed description of the man who bought the silver article in question. This description tallied with almost photographic exactness with the appearance, clothing and general mannerisms of the man under suspicion by Capt. McCluskey and his detectives. This removed all doubt from the minds of the police and all their energies are being devoted to completing the chain of evidence against the suspect. It is confidently expected that at the very latest the prisoner will be safe at police headquarters by noon to-day.

The latest link in the chain of evidence which the police, up to last night, had succeeded in getting against the suspect was by a comparison of his writing with that upon the parcel addressed to Mr. Cornish. Although the writing on the parcel was obviously disguised, its resemblance to that of the expelled member of the Athletic Club was in many particulars sufficiently striking to need no expert skill to detect. It is said that the police have, in fact, submitted the two handwritings to an expert, who has pronounced them to be unquestionably the work of the same person.

Mr. Cornish was by no means the only man in the Knickerbocker Athletic Club against whom this degenerate is said to have entertained a deadly hostility.

This fact suggests some startling inferences in connection with the death of Mr. Barnet, as exclusively told in the Post-Dispatch Thursday. Mr. Barnet was a member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. It is said that he was entirely unqualified in his expressions of dislike for the man in question.

In November last Mr. Barnet received at the club a parcel, which came to him in regular course through the mails. This parcel contained a powder, which reached Mr. Barnet under such ingenious and unsuspicious circumstances that he unhesitatingly took it internally. It was only by almost superhuman exertions that he was saved from immediate death.

As a matter of fact, the fatal effect was only temporarily postponed by the skill of the physicians. Twelve days later Mr. Barnet died.

ONE TRAY IN FRISCO.

Holder Such as Sent Cornish Was Sold by the Retailer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 31.—The jewelry firm of Phelps & Adams of this city have a record of the purchase from Frank A. Lebknuecker & Co. of Newark, N. J., of an ash receiver or toothpick holder, such as was received by Harry Cornish of New York, and used as the receptable for a bottle of bromo-seltzer, which had been charged with poison. Phelps & Adams have a record of its sale to the firm of Shreve & Co. of this city, Dec. 1, 1897. Mr. Shreve has no knowledge of its sale as his firm keeps no record of the sales of silver novelties.

Assets Were Two Directories.

Deputy-Sheriff John F. Mielert sold the assets of the Missouri Town Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Saturday to satisfy a judgment against it in behalf of Edgar R. Hull. The assets consisted of two Gould directories, one for 1896 and one for 1897. They were sold for 75 cents.

Daughter of James Russell Lowell.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mabel Lowell Burnett, only child of the poet, James Russell Lowell, died yesterday at her home at Elmwood, where she was born 51 years ago and where she had passed nearly all her life.

BANKER ARENDES VICTIM OF GRIP.

He Was President of the Lafayette Bank.

MAYOR ZIEGENHEIN'S TRIBUTE TO HIM.

A FINE BUSINESS MAN AND A GOOD FRIEND TO THE UNFORTUNATE.

A PILLAR OF FINANCE ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

He Was Confined to His Bed Only A Few Days, but Had Been in Bad Health for Several Years.

Frederick Arendes, President of the Lafayette Bank and one of the most widely known men in St. Louis, died Saturday morning at his home, 1718 South Ninth street. He had been in poor health for some time, but the immediate cause of his death was grip.

He was conscious almost to the last and was surrounded by all the members of his family when the end came. Only a few hours before he received the last sacraments of the church and a crucifix was pressed to his lips as he passed away.

Mr. Arendes had a severe attack of the grip about two years ago. The ailment affected his chest and lungs, and he has since suffered frequently from this complaint.

A week ago he attended the funeral of a friend and contracted a violent cough. He was attended by Dr. Frank Lutz.

While at the bank Tuesday he became suddenly ill, and at once went to his home. From that time he sank rapidly.

No one was more conspicuously identified with the growth and progressiveness of South St. Louis than Frederick Arendes. He was the banker of thousands of people and the personal adviser of hundreds. He helped the widows and orphans to profitably invest their savings and acted as their benefactor without a cent of reward.

Mr. Arendes was in his 64th year. He came to America in 1849 and settled in St. Louis. He obtained employment in a tailor shop, and after a short while launched out in business for himself. He was an industrious, determined youth and succeeded well in all his undertakings.

In the course of a few years he had quite a sum in bank. When he was 30 years old he was elected a director in one of the local savings institutions. His judicious foresight won him the respect of financiers, and when the Lafayette bank was organized Nov. 21, 1876, he was unanimously selected for President. From its foundation the institution flourished. It is now patronized by thousands, and is the leading bank of the South side. Mayor Ziegenhein is Vice-President and was associated with Mr. Arendes for 22 years.

"In all that time," said the Mayor, Saturday, "I never heard him speak a profane word. That is saying a great deal for any man. Fred was generous and charitable to a fault. No poor person asked help of him and was refused. In one month to my own knowledge he got work for at least 10 persons. He was a financier of uncommon ability. Under the most trying circumstances he never for a moment lost his head. We passed through three panics together, but financial stringencies seldom worried our president. He would sit at the board of directors meeting, listen to a two-sided argument and say nothing until the finish. Then he would make a few remarks and the question was invariably settled his way.

"Mr. Arendes was a staunch Democrat, and, of course, you know I am a radical Republican, but we never disagreed. He always said, even when I asked him to vote for me: 'Henry, you're on the wrong side.'

"Fred was an indefatigable worker. He would remain a whole night if necessary to rectify a penny out of balance, or to consummate a transaction in hand. I and my brother directors in the bank will miss him very much."

Mr. Arendes was a director in the German Mutual Life Insurance Co., for many years president of the German Catholic Orphan Board and was prominently connected with the St. Vincent de Paul Society since its establishment. He was also treasurer of the Association Widows and Orphans. He was president of the F. Arendes Tailoring Co. up to the time of his death. He leaves a widow and five sons and two daughters, of whom the youngest Frederick, Jr., is aged 14 years.

Mr. Arendes was married twice, the second time in 1874.

SWEENEY IN HAVANA.

The Street Railway Promoter Is Busy in the Cuban Country.

Eugene Sweeney, the St. Louis-New York street railway promoter, is in Havana stirring up the Cubans over franchises.

The Havana City Railway Co., a West Virginia corporation, of which Eugene Sweeney and Hugh Alexander are stockholders, has brought suit to compel Juan M. Ceballos, Fred R. Rohl, Francisco Pla and the American Indies Co. of New York to turn over to the Havana company the franchises for which the defendants have been the successful competitors.

It was disclosed that Alexander is a resident of New Jersey and that Sweeney lives in New York City. The papers in the case have been submitted to Justice Scott.

Never let a little thing like the loss of a good housemaid worry you. There are others near at hand. Go to the nearest drug store with 14 words and 10 cents. In a few hours your want will be fulfilled.

DEATHS.

O'DONNELL—On Friday, Dec. 30, at 2:30 p. m., Clarence O'Donnell, aged 3 years and 4 months, child of John J. O'Donnell and Mary O'Donnell (nee Murphy).

Funeral from family residence, 2420A Cass avenue, Sunday, Jan. 1, 1899, at 2 p. m.

MURPHY—On Thursday, Dec. 29, at 2 p. m., Maggie Murphy, beloved daughter of the late Timothy and Catherine Murphy (nee Collins), and our dear sister, aged 19 years and 8 months.

Funeral will take place from the family residence, 2611 Whittier street, on Sunday, Jan. 1, at 2 p. m., to St. Matthew's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

Deceased was a member of St. Matthew's Young Ladies' Sodality.

Charged With Robbery.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Johnson issued a warrant charging burglary in the first degree against Elroy Stoke and Jasper Emmet, who on the night of December 4 held up a car of the Baden electric line.

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MRS. BOTKIN WILL APPEAL.

First Demand of Counsel Will Be For New Trial.

PUNISHMENT FIXED IS LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

DEFENDANT'S NERVES GIVE WAY IN JAIL AND SHE GROWS HYSTERICAL.

VERDICT MORE THAN PROSECUTION EXPECTED.

Crime Was One of the Most Heinous on Record and the Man, the Cause of It All, Turned on the Perpetrator.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Botkin's lawyers do not propose to accept as final the verdict of the jury finding her guilty of murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning and fixing sentence at life imprisonment without making a strong effort to obtain a new trial and possible reversal of the judgment.

George A. Knight, leading attorney for the defense, says: "Our first step will be to move for a new trial on the day set for passing sentence, or as soon thereafter as we can be heard. If the new trial is denied of course we shall go to the Supreme Court, and at the same time we shall raise the question of jurisdiction. This court never had and never can get jurisdiction to try Mrs. Botkin. It is a plain question of law and I have not the slightest doubt of the Supreme Court's decision on that point."

The witnesses who came from Delaware to testify in the case will start for their homes to-day.

After her arrival at the Branch County jail last night, Mrs. Botkin broke down completely and for some time gave vent to her anguish in sobbing and occasional shrieking.

It is stated that the first ballot stood ten for hanging and two for life imprisonment. The second ballot was eleven for hanging and only one for life imprisonment. But the one stood firm and after much discussion the other eleven went over to him.

At 9 o'clock last night word was sent to Judge Carroll Cook that the jury was prepared to make a report. Court was immediately convened, and at 9:15 o'clock, just four hours after the case had been placed in its hands, the jury stated, through its foreman, that an agreement had been reached, the verdict being that Mrs. Botkin, accused of killing Mrs. John P. Dunning (Mrs. Dean got having been mentioned in the indictment) by means of poisoned candy, sent through the mails, was guilty of murder in the first degree. In accordance with the laws of California, which empower the jury to decide between hanging and imprisonment in such cases, the penalty was fixed at imprisonment for life.

After the jury had been polled in the usual manner, Judge Cook announced that sentence would be pronounced Saturday, Jan. 7. He then remanded the prisoner to the custody of the Sheriff, to be imprisoned in the branch county jail until called to receive final judgment, when she will be transferred to the State Penitentiary.

The courtroom was cleared, when, just after Mrs. Botkin had announced to the Deputy Sheriff in a clear voice that she was ready to go with him to prison, occurred the only sensational incident of the evening. The condemned woman was about to rise, when her highly strung nerves seemed to relax and she fell back in the arms of Mrs. Roberts, her sister. It was thought she had fainted, but in a moment a glass of water revived her, and she resumed her usual appearance, though the intense nervous strain was still apparent in the twitching of her facial muscles and movement of her hands as her fingers drummed on the table. In a few minutes she apparently shook off all signs of excitement and quietly accompanied the Deputy Sheriff from the court room.

The verdict was unexpected. An acquittal was confidently awaited by the defense, while the prosecution feared a disagreement. Rumors had been in circulation to the effect that several of the jurors strongly favored the defense, and that their opinions were too firmly grounded to be capable of a change. Although the jury was out only four hours, more than one of which was devoted to dinner, it is currently reported that the verdict was the result of a compromise. The sex of the prisoner made such a conclusion satisfactory to the jurors.

Early last August Mrs. John P. Dunning of Dover, Del., wife of John P. Dunning, correspondent of the Associated Press, then stationed in Porto Rico, received by mail from San Francisco a dainty little box containing about half a pound of chocolate bonbons and a small cambric handkerchief. Mrs. Dunning was one of Congressman John B. Pennington's two daughters. Her sister, Mrs. Ida Deane, wife of Joshua Deane, was with her, seated on the porch of the house, when the package was delivered, and with them enjoying the breeze that had sprung up on that hot summer evening were Mrs. Deane's daughter, Lelia, 14 years old; Elizabeth, 6 years old, daughter of Mrs. Dunning and the idol of the household; Ethel Millington, 14 years old; Ethel Clark, 16, and Josephine Bateman, a school teacher and friend of the Pennington family.

The box was opened and Mrs. Dunning gave an exclamation of delight when she saw its contents. The chocolates were passed around and eaten by the women and the children. Not many hours later Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane were taken violently ill, and died in terrible agony. Baby Elizabeth hovered between life and death for a couple of days and recovered. The others became ill, but they, too, got well, and for the reason, as afterward discovered, that they had saved some of the sweets to be eaten later on, and had forgotten about them.

That so many persons should be made ill, and that two of them should die so soon after eating of a box of candy, prompted an immediate investigation, and it was discovered that the chocolates contained a vast quantity of arsenic—enough, in fact, to have killed half a dozen men. When the authorities came to examine the box more closely a note was found. It contained the words, "With love to yourself and baby. Mrs. C."

This was the starting point of an investigation that extended 3000 miles across the continent, into the home of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin of Stockton, Cal. The misspelling in the superscription, the ignorance of punctuation and the peculiar style of chirography, both in the note and on the box, formed the meshes of the net that was at last thrown over the woman, whose mad infatuation for a married man, the police said, caused her to attempt to remove what she believed was the obstacle between her and happiness.

When the detectives got to work they discovered that John P. Dunning, who is an exceptionally handsome man, and exercises a peculiar though unconscious power over most women he meets, had been on terms of intimacy with Mrs. oBtkin in San Francisco. He met her by chance a couple of years ago in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, while riding a bicycle, and from this chance meeting grew the subsequent meretricious relations which had for their culmination a most deplorable tragedy.

Dunning immediately lent his aid to the authorities in the interests of justice. He was obliged to admit that he had been false to the lovely woman who bore his name and was the mother of his child, but he was willing to accept any humiliation that might come to him provided the guilt of the prisoner could be fixed beyond any doubt.

Joshua D. Deane, the husband of Mrs. Deane, was grimly determined that his wife's death should not go unavenged. He learned that Dunning was alleged to be a defaulter for more than $3000 as manager of the central bureau of the Associated Press in San Francisco. When this was brought to Deane's knowledge, he said he was aware that Mrs. Dunning had received a letter from her husband about a year ago, in which he admitted that he was about to lose his position, and hinted at charges that might be preferred against him. He confessed that he had been "playing the races" and that he had lost heavily.

In this letter Dunning professed the greatest love for his wife and little girl, and expressed fears that his misfortune might soon involve them. At this time he was on friendly terms with Mrs. Botkin, and it is well known that she frequently manifested not only a deep fondness for Dunning, but at times marked jealousy on his account.

It was through the prompt action of Attorney General White that Mrs. Botkin was arrested in Stockton. Merciless and dogged in his pursuit of the perpetrator of a crime, Mr. White is one of the most tender-hearted of men. In the spring of 1897 he obtained the conviction of Gordy, the Delaware farmer who murdered his New York wife. Yet on the night the murderer was condemned to death the Attorney General burst into tears, overwhelmed by the thought that he was instrumental in depriving a fellow being of life. He was convinced that he was on the right track in pursuing Mrs. Botkin and sent a detective to California to procure her extradition to Delaware. There was every indication at first that these efforts would prove successful and that the trial would take place in the State where the victim died.

The California authorities contended that, as the crime was conceived and partly carried out in that State, the courts there had jurisdiction. They showed every disposition to assist in getting at the bottom of the crime, and when it was finally decided that Mrs. Botkin should not be taken to Delaware for trial, but should face a jury in San Francisco, the authorities turned to with a will to obtain evidence.

They procured proofs that might have been difficult, if not impossible, for the Delaware police to have obtained. They found the saleswoman who sold the cambric handkerchief to Mrs. Botkin, and identified it beyond any question. They produced a witness who swore to Mrs. Botkin's many inquiries about the effects of poisons; they put on the stand a physician who corroborated this witness and told of the many strange questions the defendant had asked in connection with mineral and vegetable poisons.

Then they placed on the stand Prof. Ames, the great authority on handwriting. His testimony was of the most convincing character. He compared the handwriting of the note that was inclosed with the box of poisoned chocolates, and with the address, in which Delaware was spelled "Delewear," with letters that were known and acknowledged to have been written by Mrs. Botkin. He pointed out the attempts at disguise, and how these attempts frequently failed.

Prof. Ames' testimony was clinched further when several anonymous letters, dated San Francisco and received by Mrs. Dunning in Dover, were produced in court. Not only was the chirography itself in evidence against the defendant, but the character of the letters themselves. They were all on one topic, the faithlessness of John P. Dunning and the advice to a betrayed wife that she should no longer acknowledge him as her husband, but should divorce him. A vein of pretended friendship ran through all the letters, while their main object was not disguised, and that was, if possible, to cause a separation between Dunning and his wife. They professed to come from a woman anxious to save Mrs. Dunning from distress, and appeared to supply times and places for evidence in a divorce suit.

Mrs. Botkin made a bold front at the beginning of the trial but as it went on and the State began piling up its proofs against her she became visibly agitated and nervous. She expected that Dunning would come to her aid, but he not only went on the stand and testified against her, confessing his intimacy, but suffered contempt of court because he would not reveal the names of certain respectable women whose identity the prosecution insisted upon knowing.

Before he left Dover he came out publicly with the following statement:

"I know who murdered my wife and sister-in-law, and have known it ever since I received the knowledge of their death. I will conceal nothing from the proper authorities, but in the interests of justice I can make no disclosures now, and I will make none until I give my testimony before a court and jury."

This pledge he kept, and he did all in his power to help send to the scaffold the woman who so madly loved him.

MORE TROOPS AT PANA.

Col. Wells Hears of Trouble and Secures Re-Enforcements.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 31.—Rumors have reached Col. Wells that Pana miners were to be reinforced by miners from adjoining counties and an attempt made to drive out the negroes. He has taken every precaution to prevent a clash.

Company H of Decatur has reinforced Companies C and K, under Col Wells.

William Gilmore and Ely Ores, negro miners, were arrested last night for shooting Walter Finch, also a negro miner. Finch will likely die. The trouble arose over the attempt of Gilmore and Ores to carry away Finch's wife.

On warrants taken out by State Mine Inspector Walton Rutledge of Alton and State Attorney E. A. Humphreys, John Cowick, night engineer at Fenwell's mine, and Moses Watts, engineer at Pana mine, were arrested last night, charged with violating the State law in running mine hoisting engines without being granted State certificates.

Officials and leaders of union miners assert that the statements of officers of militia and mine operators relating to outside miners coming to re-enforce their men are groundless.

FOUR BILLS DISCUSSED.

Illinois State's Attorneys Will Recommend New Legislation.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 31.—The committee representing the State's Attorneys' Association of Illinois discussed four bills to be presented to the Legislature this winter. Bills providing for a stenographer to take all testimony in grand jury rooms and to increase the power of the Assistant State's Attorney were voted down. A bill to provide for salaries instead of fees will be pushed this winter. It was also agreed to urge a law providing for appeals in criminal cases.

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INDICTED FOR BRIBERY.

Court Bailiff Charged With Tampering With a Jury.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Indictments for jury bribing have been returned against James Lynch and E. J. Powell by the grand jury. Lynch is a court bailiff. Powell is a cattle buyer and was a juror in one of the cases. The jury bribing is alleged to have been done in the interest of a street railway company.



"ENOUGH OF THIS! DROP THOSE KNIVES!"

FIGURES OF THE YEAR.

VITAL STATISTICS SHOW THAT A. D. 1898 WAS A PRETTY GOOD TWELFTH MONTH.

NOTABLE DECREASE IN CRIME.

Fewer Murders, Less Theft, Decreased Number of Suicides, With Charity as Liberal as in the Years Preceding.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The loss of life from various disasters in this country between Jan. 1 and the morning of Dec. 31, 1898, was 7345. The casualties occurred as follows:

Fire, 1670; drownings, 3110; explosions, 629; mines, 380; falling from buildings, etc., 599; cyclones and storms, 502; lightning, 235. The loss by railroad accidents of various kinds was 3590 in 1895, as compared with 2764 in 1897. The number of seriously injured was 2616, as compared with 2428 in 1897.

Notwithstanding the war between the United States and Spain, the loss of life upon the battle fields of 1898 has been smaller than for several years. The total roughly estimated has been but about 65,000, as compared with 103,451 in 1897.

The loss of life by epidemics and famine shows a gratifying decrease. Famine in the Province of Kansu, China, has swept away 10,000 victims, the plague in India has destroyed over 11,000 and China about 2000 persons. Exact statistics of this kind are hard to procure, but the total is probably less than 25,000, as compared with 222,902 in 1897. The list of marine disasters shows that 3655 lives were lost upon ocean and 75 on inland waters, a total of 3730, as compared with 2426 in 1897.

The total number of persons who have committed suicide in the United States during 1898 is 5920, as compared with 6600 in 1897. Of this number 4586 are males and 1634 females. Professional men, physicians lead the list, 44 having taken their own lives, as compared with 41 in 1897. During the year also 13 persons engaged in the banking business, eight clergymen, seven journalists, six attorneys, two actors and two artists have committed suicide. The causes of suicide were as follows: Despondency, 3023; unknown, 1500; insanity, 438; liquor, 168; ill health, 288; domestic infelicity, 197; disappointed love, 196; business losses, 110.

In these cases of suicide 2126 persons took poison, 2037 shot themselves, 757 hanged themselves, 452 cut their throats, 354 drowned themselves, 58 jumped from windows or housetops, 50 threw themselves in front of railroad trains, 26 burned themselves to death, 23 stabbed themselves, 4 starved themselves and 3 blew themselves up with dynamite.

The total number of murders committed in 1898 shows a gratifying decrease—a phenomenon often witnessed in a war year, being 7840 as compared with 8320 in 1897, 9,652 in 1896 and 10,500 in 1895. The causes of these murders may be roughly classified as follows: Quarrels, 3867; unknown, 2678; jealousy, 266; liquor, 207; by highwaymen, 222; infanticide, 284; resisting arrest, 147. Highwaymen killed, 82; insanity, 98; self defense, 33; strikes, 22; outrages, 5; riots, 25.

The losses by fire in the United States in 1898 aggregated $113,139,467, as compared with $129,001,737 in 1897, $110,856,087 in 1896 and $131,508,207 in 1895. Those where the loss in each case was $100,000 and upwards amount to $64,915,400, and the losses by smaller fires to $48,224,067.

The criminal work of mob murderers throughout the country has decreased during the year 1898 as compared with 1897, being smaller than in any year since 1885, except 1890, when the number was the same. Judge Lynch has executed 127 persons during the year, 122 males and 5 females. Lynchings in the various States and Territories were as follows: Arkansas, 17; South Carolina, 14; Georgia, 12; Missouri, 6; Kentucky, 6; Louisiana, 10; Texas, 3; Maryland, 2; Oklahoma, 1; Washington, 1; Wyoming, 3; Illinois, 1; Indiana, 1; Mississippi, 15; Indian Territory, 3; Alabama, 12; North Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 6; Virginia, 4, and New Mexico, Florida, West Virginia, Alaska, Kansas and Montana, one each. Of these lynchings 118 occurred in the South and 9 in the North. Of the total number 102 were negroes, 23 whites and 2 Indians.

The record of embezzling, forgery, defaulting and bank wreckage for 1898 shows a material and gratifying decrease, being but $5,851,263, as compared with $11,248,084 in 1897, making an absolute total since 1896. The statement of rascality by months is as follows: January, $359,581; February, $783,697; March, $1,317,728; April, $615,100; May, $576,000; June, $573,844; July, $273,400; August, $39,415; September, $142,543; October, $783,161; November, $328,086; December, $162,848, being an average of about $487,605 per month. The record by States is as follows:

Alabama	$ 5,100
Arkansas	15,600
California	328,516
Connecticut	20,000
Delaware	100 000
Illinois	304,202
Indiana	93,525
Iowa	52,400
Kansas	40,000
Kentucky	27,000
Louisiana	1,900
Maine	67,343
Maryland	377,800
Massachusetts	809,719
Michigan	32,500
Minnesota	4,000
Missouri	6,719
Nevada	5,000
Nebraska	211,000
New Hampshire	25,900
New York	850,782
North Dakota	1,000
Ohio	308,434
Oregon	12,700
Pennsylvania	1,559,191
South Dakota	2,700
Tennessee	25,000
Texas	40,000
Vermont	2,000
West Virginia	45,000
Wisconsin	168,000
Washington	27,500
Arizona	8,100
District of Columbia	15,000
New Mexico	1,000

Out of the total number of cases of embezzling reported nine persons stole over $50,000 each, nine over $100,000 each, one over $200,000, one over $300,000, one over $400,000 and two over $500,000 each. The losses are distributed as follows:

Stolen by city and county officials	$ 976,846
From banks	2,901,891
By agents	510,595
Forgeries	324,200
From loan associations	349,800
By postmasters	21,143
Miscellaneous stealings	1,066,788

The number of legal executions in 1898 was 109, as compared with 123 in 1897. The executions in the several States and Territories were as follows; Louisiana and Texas, 10 each; Arkansas, Mississippi and Illinois, 6 each; Alabama, Massachusetts, Kentucky and New York, 3 each; Tennessee, Oregon, Minnesota, Ohio, North Carolina and Indian Territory, 2 each; Missouri, 5; Georgia and Virginia, 2 each; Pennsylvania, 7, and Florida, Maryland, Connecticut, Washington and New Jersey, 1 each; South Carolina, 4. There were 72 hanged in the South and 37 in the North, of whom 60 were whites, 48 blacks and 1 Chinese. The crimes for which they were executed were: Murder 100 and rape 9.

The record of charity for 1898 keeps well up to the record of former years. The gifts amount to $23,984,900, as compared with $23,612,814 in 1897. In preparing these statistics no record has been kept of small donations, since to collect them all would be an impossibility. Of the total amount stated above there has been given to colleges $13,686,50; to charities, $6,220,300; to churches, $2,629,950; to museums and art galleries, $1,472,000; to libraries, $1,166,500.

HANNIBAL'S BIG BLAZE.

Fire Did $75,000 Damage in the City's Business Section.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 31.—Hannibal's loss by last night's fire is estimated at $75,000.

Flames first broke out in the big dry goods store of Bowman & Williamson and reduced it to ruins. Thence they spread to the C. Albertson building and attacked E. E. Ray's drug store, Frank Sultzman's bakery and two business houses and Mrs. L. Sprone's building. The First National Bank was saved after a hard fight. The cause of the fire is not known.

The loss of Bowman & Williamson was $37,000, on which applies $23,000 insurance; Frank Sultzman lost $15,000 on his building, C. Albertson $10,000, E. E. Ray $5000, Mrs. L. Sproul $5000. The other damages ware small.

RIOT ON SHIPBOARD.

SECOND ILLINOIS REGIMENT CHARGED WITH MUTINY EN ROUTE TO CUBA.

TROOPS SMASHED LAMPS.

Orders Were Disobeyed, Regulations Violated and Col. Hotchkiss Was Threatened With Report to Miles.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 31.—Capt. Charles Baker, Assistant Quartermaster in charge of the transport Michigan, formally charges the Second Illinois Regiment, recently transported to Cuba, with mutinous conduct.

It is stated that Col. Hotchkiss had to be threatened with a report to the commanding general.

Capt. Baker says: "The two battalions came aboard 18 hours before we left port. During that time the wildest confusion prevailed. No one assumed to be in command.

"Shouting, yelling, hurrahing and disorder generally continued throughout the entire time the animals were being loaded. There were a number of accidents and it is only a wonder that several of the horses were not thrown from the gangway and killed. The regulations provide that no smoking be permitted between decks and that no soldiers be permitted in the lifeboats. These regulations were not complied with and no effort was made to enforce them."

Notwithstanding his remonstrances to the Colonel commanding, the mutinous conduct of the men continued, says Capt. Baker, whose report adds:

"With a thorough knowledge of their dangers, the men of the Second Illinois refused to obey every order issued against smoking between decks. In the troops' quarters the electric lamps were smashed to afford the men amusement. This vandalism was practiced to such an extent that the chief engineer found that it was impossible to supply the necessary light.

"Life preservers were torn down and scattered throughout the ship. One night about 8 o'clock the man on the bridge was ruthlessly hurried from his watch by soldiers.

"The chief officer went forward and by main force compelled the soldiers to disperse. There was no such thing as keeping the men from the hatchways until one fell and came near being killed."

Col. Hotchkiss was notified that the soldiers must quit their mutinous conduct or a report would be made to the Major General commanding.

SALARIES ARE AFFECTED.

Supt. Williams' O., K. C. & E. Schedule for the New Year.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 31.—General Superintendent Williams of the Omaha, Kansas City and Eastern lines of the Port Arthur Route, said to-day that he had completed an entire new schedule of salaries of operators and station agents on the line from Quincy to Omaha.

While there has been no increase in the road's payroll, there has been a readjustment which allows the smaller station agents more pay and reduces the pay of the larger ones. The minimum salary paid on the road from Quincy to Pattonsburg will be $40 and the maximum is $75, while on the Omaha and St. Louis division from Pattonsburg to Omaha the minimum salary will be $42.50 and the maximum will be $80.

The new schedule has been sent to General Manager Gillham for his approval. The change goes into effect next week.

NOT FOR MERRIAM.

CABINET OFFICER SAYS THAT THE NEW MINISTER TO RUSSIA HAS NOT BEEN CHOSEN.

NOT ALL SENATORS ARE RICH.

President Is Worried by the Manner in Which News He Wishes Kept Secret Leaks Out.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Post-Dispatch correspondent called on a Cabinet Minister at his home last night and asked if a successor to Ambassador Hitchcock had been determined upon.

"It looks like Merriam, doesn't it?" the correspondent suggested.

"Guess again," replied the Minister, smiling.

"If not Merriam, then who?"

"That's just what the President would like to know—who?"

Then he vouchsafed the information that the matter is still open, and that the President is casting about for a suitable man. He did not think that the Ambassadorship lightning would strike Merriam, and he considered him out of the running.

More Poor Senators Than Rich Ones.

The Senate is popularly known as the "Millionaires' Club," but when one gets down to the point of looking over carefully the list of Senators, not more than fifteen out of ninety require seven figures to indicate their actual wealth.

John P. Jones of Nevada is perhaps the richest man in the Senate. The other millionaires are Hanna of Ohio, Aldrich of Rhode Island, Elkins of West Virginia, Hale of Maine, Wetmore of Rhode Island, Stewart of Nevada, Smith of New Jersey, Sewell of New Jersey, Platt of New York, Perkins of California, McMillan of Michigan, Mitchell of Wisconsin, and possibly Fairbanks of Indiana.

A score or more of others are comfortably fixed, at least a dozen counting their earthly possessions up in the hundred of thousands. But there are more poor men in the Senate than rich. It may be that a Senate seat is a purchaseable commodity, but there are a number of men in the Senate who, if informed that the Capitol were to be sold at auction, could not hear the bell ring.

A Leak in the Cabinet.

The President would like to know how the news of Secretary Bliss' retirement from the Cabinet became public at the time it did. He had hoped to keep the matter quiet until a successor to the present Secretary was found, and so informed his Cabinet family when Mr. Bliss' positive wish was made known. For at least a week after the resignation was handed in the secret was kept.

The day before the news of the resignation leaked out the Post-Dispatch correspondent, who had a private tip on the matter, asked a Cabinet officer as to its authenticity. So careful was he to guard the secret well that he pooh-poohed the suggestion and talked about the rumor in a humorous strain.

The following day the President and his Cabinet started on their Southern tour. When they awakened the next morning and the Atlanta papers were brought into the car it was found that the fact that Mr. Bliss had asked leave to retire had been published. The President was among the first to see it. Members of the Cabinet were seated around him, reading the news, when the President removed his glasses and, looking around the car, said: "It's out. The newspapers have got on to Bliss' resignation."

Then he squared himself in his chair, and pointing his glasses at Secretary Gage, said, jokingly:

"Speak up, Gage. What do you know about this?" The laugh went around and the Cabinet Ministers all assured the President that they had not "leaked." The President pointed to each man and asked for an explanation, but he was not enlightened.

That put the laugh on the President, who was told that it would be impossible to keep such an important bit of news from the press.

KENT ESTATE IN COURT.

Mrs. Kauffman Wants Will Kept Deposed as Administrator.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Susie Kauffman, guardian of Miss Myrtle Kent, daughter of Edgar Kent, deceased, who was a son of the late Herrin Kent, has filed a petition in the County Court for the appointment of State's Attorney J. B. Vaughn as administrator of the estate of Herrin Kent, instead of Willie Kent, who was named as executor in the will.

The petition sets up all the facts in the Kent murder case. The ground for the petition of the legatee's guardian is that Will absconded with $1500 of the estate's money.

The young man or woman who is in need of employment should read carefully the help wanted ads on the want pages. By answering these ads there is no better known way of finding employment.

MR. REESE TOO STRICT.

The Mother of His Fourteen Children Sues for Divorce.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Lucinda Reese has filed suit in the Circuit Court for divorce from her husband, $10,000 alimony, custody of their seven minor children and $500 a year. The plaintiff and defendant have lived together for over thirty years and have fourteen children living. Mrs. Reese alleges that her husband will not allow her to go to church or visit her neighbors.

For the Weak and Aged.

The best thing for weakly persons and invalids is Speer's Port Grape Wine. His Burgundy and Claret Wines are used at dinner by the best society people in New York and Washington.

WAR ON TAX FERRETS.

Charleston Citizens Prepare to Resist the Action of Experts.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Dec. 31.—Fleener and Carnahan, tax experts employed to collect back taxes, have filed suit against County Clerk Sellers to compel him, by mandamus proceedings, to enter on the Assessor's books certain property which they claim to have found. Attorneys are divided on the legality of the action and a bitter fight is promised.

The County Treasurer has been enjoined from paying the experts their part of the find.

BEEF SCANDAL TO BE PROBED

Secretary of War Takes Cognizance of Miles' Charges.

BOARD OF SURVEY ORDERED TO CONVENE.

IF IT FINDS THE COMPLAINT WELL FOUNDED IT IS TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY.

PARTICULAR INQUIRY AS TO PORTO RICO SUPPLIES.

Whether Chemicals Were Used by Contractors and Whether the Government Should Pay for the Meat to Be Decided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The embalmed beef scandal is to be probed. Secretary of War Alger has taken the grounds that the statements of Gen. Miles made before the War Investigating Commission leave him no alternative but to order investigation by the War Department, particularly as to the responsibility for the loss of 300,000 pounds of refrigerated beef sent to Porto Rico when the expedition under Gen. Miles was there. A special order has been issued as follows:

"By direction of the Secretary of War, a board of survey is hereby ordered to convene at the War Department, Washington, D. C., at 10 a. m. Jan. 3, 1899, to examine into and report upon the responsibility for the loss of about 300,000 pounds of refrigerated beef, the property of Swift & Co. of Chicago; to ascertain and report if due and proper effort was made to [illegible] this beef to the troops in Porto Rico to fix the responsibility if due and [illegible] effort was not made; to ascertain and report the character and quality of [illegible] frigerated beef herein referred to; certain and report if it was good meat for issue and if it had been subject to any chemical processes whatever, report whether or not the United States is responsible for the loss of [illegible] or who, if anyone, is responsible for loss, and whether in its opinion [illegible] Co. should or should not be reimbursed for the beef.

Detail of the board:

Col. Charles H. Alden, Assistant Surgeon-General.

Col. James M. Moore, Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Col. Francis L. Gunther, Fourth Artillery.

Capt. L. C. Scherer, Assistant Adjutant-General, recorder.

The 300,000 pounds of beef referred to was shipped from Newport News to Porto Rico about the time that word came that Gen. Miles that he had supplied him with fresh beef taken on the island. The refrigerated beef made the trip to Porto Rico and back, but by the time it reached Montauk Point it is understood to have spoiled, owing to the delay and consequent lack or refrigerating material.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup promptly vanquishes tenacious bronchitis. Price 25c.

IOWA OSTEOPATHS ANGRY.

State Board of Health Refuses to Grant Certificates.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SIOUX CITY, Io., Dec. 31.—The Iowa State Board of Health, according to President R. E. Conniff of this place, has nothing against osteopathy, but refused a big batch of graduates of that school permission to practice in Iowa as a result of a conflict in the State law. President Conniff returned from the Des Moines meeting yesterday.

Of the osteopathy controversy, he said: "There is a statute providing for the issuance of certificates to regular physicians and another of their issuance to osteopaths. These statutes conflict, and it was because of this fact that the State Board did not feel justified in issuing certificates to the osteopaths who applied for them. The decision was reached by a unanimous vote of all the members of the Board. I expect the osteopaths and their friends will feel much aggrieved by our action, but there was no personal feeling in the matter."

There is talk of mandamus proceedings to compel the board to grant the desired certificates.

SOLDIERS' HOMES' NEEDS.

Senator McAdams Will Ask for a Larger Appropriation.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 31.—Senator McAdams and Representative Groves, who leave for Springfield to-morrow, were out to the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors' Home yesterday to discuss the matter of appropriations with Supt. Somerville, who next year wishes an additional appropriation for five more cottages and other improvements.

There are now 1770 inmates at the home with enough on furlough to make a grand total of between 1900 and 2000. There is such a lack of room at present that many of the veterans are compelled to sleep in the bath rooms.

CHOSE HIS OWN COFFIN.

Dr. Ford Prepared for His Death Two Years in Advance.

WABASH, Ind., Dec. 31.—Dr. James Ford, aged 80 years, one of the oldest residents of Wabash, is dead.

Two years ago he ordered his coffin made to order at a local woodworking factory. He chose the best of quarter-sawed oak, told the joiner he wanted the casket finished but highly polished, and asked to have it laid away until his death. He will be buried in the coffin to-morrow.

INDIANA DEMOCRACY.

Leaders to Meet in January to Outline a Policy.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Word has been received from sources outside of the State that a number of Democrats in different parts of Indiana who have been prominent in the free silver cause will meet in Indianapolis some time in January for the purpose of discussing the situation and outlining a policy for the next State campaign.

A NAVAL OFFICER'S OPINION

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OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND POPULARITY IS THE HISTORY OF

18 Consecutive Thursdays.

The actual number of columns of PAID LOCAL ADVERTISING (less cheap legal matter) carried by the evening papers for the last 18 Thursdays, commencing t. 1st and ending Dec. 29th, was as follows:

Columns of Paid Local Advertising (less legal), Post-Dispatch	914½ Cols.
All other English Evening Papers COMBINED	834½ Cols.
Excess of Post-Dispatch over all others	80 Cols.

PENSIONING CONFEDERATES.

Confederate Veterans of Pine Bluff, Ark., protest t Senator Butler's bill admitting ex-Confederates to the s of the pension laws.

is a sensible view of the matter. The two sections need ent to perfect their fraternal union. They are held to- by a patriotism which cannot be strengthened by cash, otion to a common country which needs no dollar mark to attest its depth and genuineness. North and South are at one and they will not be more so for any such sentimental folly. It is refreshing to see men decline a good thing when it may be had, probably for the asking. The Southern soldiers have suffered the pangs of poverty and many of them are in actual want. But they stand upon their self-respect and decline gratuities.

he action of the Pine Bluff veterans was to have been ected; and their example will no doubt be followed all over South.

hat Male Birth Rate.—Dr. Schenck, the eminent scientist, tells the Post-Dispatch that the increase of male births in 1897 is due to the fact that the women have been most enthusiastic in their war feelings. He also credits his own scheme with an effect upon the birth rate. In war times women as well as men have soldiers in their minds and would naturally be affected by such a condition even if their enthusiasm were not especially noticeable.

CARDINAL GIBBONS' WARNING.

In an article on the lessons of the war in last Sunday's Post-spatch Cardinal Gibbons observes that the events of the uggle show that "virtue alone is the source and guarantee our strength, and in so far they indicate the course which should pursue in presence of the new opportunities and portionate responsibilities which an all-wise Providence has posed upon us."

These are weighty words worth more than a passing thought. y the possession and exercise of the virtues of freemen we w into power which insured our victory. All our successes are due to this fact.

ut the moment of victory is the dangerous moment. Then mptations appear, and it cannot be said that they are few r trifling.

Responsibility follows opportunity. That truth ought not to e forgotten.

City in the Egg Business.—Few cities will want to go so far as Birmingham, England, which now owns the city markets, buys and sells the food dealt in there, runs a farm, a establishment and a woolen mill, and raises eggs. But present rate, while St. Louis cannot get its Legislators to make a move towards giving the city cheap lighting, it will be many decades before we approach the Birmingham ideal.

A POINTER FOR MEN.

e male sex need no longer worry over the encroachments women. As everybody knows, the women don't care a aw for the feelings of men when it is a question of business. ey crowd into every calling, and make no protest when the thful cartoonist represents the future of man as devoted e kitchen and the nursery.

the science of statistics shows that, after all, men have uation well in hand. If the ladies get too numerous and men to desperation, a remedy is possible.

etting up enough rumors of bloody war, say the statisti- the men can nearly put a stop to the birth of girl babies, the boy babies will continue to come as usual, "only so."

et the women beware. Mars is chivalrous and would e to play a mean trick on Venus. But he is on the men's decidedly, and as Chimmie Fadden might remark, "what ys goes."

lly Scientific Saliva.—Expectoration in street cars may be ore awful than is supposed. Surgeon General Sternberg ays of his own saliva: "I have demonstrated by repeated periments, that my saliva, injected into the subcutaneous nective tissue of a rabbit (in plain language, under its invariably produces death, usually within 48 hours. I am quite safe in stating that I have repeated the ment at least 25 times, with my own saliva. I beg those undertake to repeat my experiments to observe that my iva produced results recorded. The saliva of four students, idents of Baltimore, gave negative results. In my experits, the rabbits were commonly found dead or dying on second morning after inoculation." If a scientist's saliva so perilous to rabbits, what may not happen in the evapora- of street-car sputum, projected by all sorts and condi- of men?

A SENSIBLE VIEW.

rederick R. Coudert, the eminent international lawyer, Sunday Post-Dispatch readers what he thinks of ertain idea of American politics.

"ain," he observes, "has never been in the habit interests of her own subjects to sentimental m has not been to scatter gratuitous benefits and," and he adds with shrewd insight, "I self of the belief that while it is extremely hand in hand through the world with so we may have to pay a price quite equal to be gained."

lying answer of mon sense to the senti-mental nonsense which has passed current for wisdom for several months. When the American people are overtaken by the sober second thought on this subject they will be ashamed of the maudlin "kin-beyond-the-sea" humbug. There ought to be a good understanding between the two countries, but don't let the Englishmen flatter us into giving our assistance without a good round price.

Protection Bars the Way.—The Toronto World is needlessly apprehensive of the annexation of Canada to the United States. We don't want the Canadians unless they want us. Besides, there is the specter of free trade. It stalks toward us with every mention of a union with the Dominion. We must protect our lumbermen and the New York chicken farmers, no matter how many of our industries come to a standstill.

GOVERNMENT BY MAJOR-GENERALS.

Government by Major-Generals is not good government, even in distant "dependencies."

The Cubans are wondering what they have gained beyond personal security if their freedom is denied by a military commander clothed with arbitrary power by an alien people. They fought for self-government and out of the struggle come the edicts and general orders of the epauletted boss. The Filipinos capture whole islands and populous cities, wresting them from their Spanish oppressors, and, lo! the American appears on the scene demanding that the fruit of victory and toil be surrendered. If they don't surrender the Major-General will treat them as "rebels."

We are making progress. We are learning the art of colonization. We establish our "sovereignty" over savage peoples by treaty and proclamation. They were not consulted, but what of that? They are only savages, and if they do not submit we call them "rebels" and shoot them down.

This is government by Major-Generals. It is bad enough for the "rebels," but a thousand times worse for ourselves.

Boston now has the largest railway station in the world, with the largest illuminated clock in the world. As Boston is a smaller city than St. Louis, and has built a larger Union Station than even our own vast and magnificent structure, we cannot do better than to recognize the energy of the Hub. We shall have to make a still greater terminal palace than Boston has just completed.

The Cubans now say that in going to their rescue we were but repaying the debt we owed humanity for the aid we received from the French in our Revolutionary war. France, however, aided us in order to humiliate Great Britain. Humanity was not the whole thing in Lafayette's day.

If, as Gen. Merritt says, we have outgrown the Constitution, it is clear that our forefathers made a large mistake in their scheme for a great republic. They never contemplated a large standing army or its enormous expense, and they had no plans for multiplying tax-eaters of any sort.

Lorenzo Snow, the head of the Mormon Church, tells the Post-Dispatch that there has not been a polygamous marriage in Utah since 1890. This being a fact, the disposition of Congressman Roberts' case is not likely to have much effect on the state of matrimony in the United States.

St. Louis is the healthiest city in the United States, as the figures of the closing year have proven. How much healthier we might be if the city were kept as clean as it ought to be, and if our people would observe the ordinary rules for the preservation of life.

The invention of a motor that would propel our warships without the use of coal would make our coaling stations useless. The airy auto-motor trucks, moving great weights, have come. Shall we not sooner or later be sailing auto-motor battleships?

It is very depressing to the Cuban to know that in the demonstrations of to-morrow he is not to be allowed to kick up his heels in patriotic joy and shout his feelings to the welkin. His independence is coming too slowly for his ardent nature.

A delay of several years in the emptying of Chicago's enormous filth into the Illinois and the Mississippi would amount to little. The whole sewage scheme of the Chicagoese should be promptly suppressed by Congress.

As Harriet Hubbard Ayer tells Post-Dispatch readers that no matter how much women may suffer from love they would not care to live in a world without it, what can possibly be done for them?

Mrs. Roberts No. 1 looks old and wan; Mrs. Roberts No. 2 looks sad but resigned; Mrs. Roberts No. 3 is evidently young, pretty and pert. That tells the whole story of polygamous relations.

Mr. Dingley is greatly surprised to find that free trade Great Britain has also had a prosperous year. According to high tariff logic, there can be no prosperity where trade is free.

If New York streets are dirtier than our own, we should not attempt to keep ours clean. This is municipal logic that greatly comforts municipal mismanagement.

The aggressive anti-imperial element in the Senate will do its best to save the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Washington's farewell address.

Now that we have begun to clean the Cuban cities, we may as well give a little more attention to our own. A good deal of St. Louis and other places needs cleaning.

Can't the judges think of some good way to shorten the delays in litigation? The Jarndyce scheme seems still to be favored too much.

The Legislature can popularize itself easily by judicious legislation that will reduce the constantly increasing costs of criminal courts.

Ex-Secretary Sherman seems to have an idea that Dewey may be our next President. What would Dewey do with Mark Hanna?

The Filipino Cabinet does not understand how a humanity war should result in the seizure of their country by the "humanitarians."

If the Filipinos refused overtures from Germany and France they are certainly entitled to justice from the United States.

The battleship builders are having a rush of prosperity with the increase of taxation.

Every American patriot who has a flag or can procure one should display it to-morrow.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

Why should not artists know the "manly art?"

When the Filipino begins to feel his oats he gets our Otis.

The fish that got the embalmed beef in New York harbor must have been made very sick.

Perhaps Boss Quay is not shaking with fear. He may escape to shake the plum tree again.

If Senator Wolcott is the Adonis of the Senate, why should his necktie be red? Is his a beauty that must be adorned?

Especial pains should be taken to prevent any more Syrup Co. fires if we are not to have a surplus of molasses candy.

Yankee Doodle may come to town this year upon a load of lumber. The lumbermen are expecting a great deal of prosperity.

What have our statesmen to say to Huldah Gunn's assertion that members of Congress are guilty of polygamy while professing monogamy?

The Sultan's jewels are valued at $8,000,000, and he isn't giving any of them up in order to pay the amount he is owing to the United States.

If Commissioner Randall charged a janitor $48.39 for an office the matter might have been worse. Mr. Randall might have demanded a round $50.

The Indiana scheme in cases of poisonous food sent by mail is to try it on the dog or cat. This should make the S. P. C. A. get a move on itself.

Why does Speaker Reed, the friend of colored men, draw the abdominal color line when he considers the dark races who come to us with annexation?

Platt's watch, that strikes not only the hours the minutes and seconds, is a wondrous little machine. Ev he became a boss Mr. Platt has been considered "up t of day."



Gives Post-Dispatch Lady Readers Her Opinion of the Woman Gossip Who Pretends to Be a Defender of Reputations.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

WHAT would become of us without the friend who "defends us?"

We all know her and our feeling for her is deep.

It is her profession and her pastime to



What would become of us without the friend who "defends us?"

go about "defending" the maligned.

You and I might pass into a serene old age and never dream how much and how often we are maligned but for this devoted friend, who hastens to tell us of her valiant and vigorous "defense" of us on various occasions.

It is lovely of her, of course, and we ap-



We all know her, and our feeling for her is deep.

preciate it, and she becomes inexpressibly dear to us.

To be sure, we sometimes dodge into an alleyway or go around the block to avoid meeting her. But this is because we realize how much nerve force she has used up in "defending us," and we are conscious that every time she rehearses her achievements as a defender she still further devitalizes her system, and she is such a valuable and precious creature that we wish to protect her and prolong her life that she may continue her good work.

It would be such a disastrous thing if you or I were ever to remain in ignorance regarding some bit of malicious or silly gossip about ourselves.

Were a lie left to die of old age, and were we never to hear of it, or of the ready defense of our defender, then we would be deprived of that soul-enriching experience of "gratitude."

She takes such satisfaction in telling us of her "defense" that when the gossip market is a little dull we feel we ought to do something to get ourselves talked about, in order that our friend may exert herself again for us. Or at least we should endeavor to revive the old scandal if possible within her hearing. She's a pleasant person to have drop in informally, bringing a fresh story of a new occasion where-



She takes such satisfaction in telling us of her "defense."

in she vigorously stamped out and eradicated a rank lie about us.

We often wonder what in the world would become of our reputation but for her. As it is, what little claim to the regard of respectable people is ours we feel we owe to her. We can never hope to repay her in this life. And as we are doubtful about our chances in the next, unless she goes ahead to "defend" us, we often wish she



To be sure, we sometimes dodge into an alleyway to avoid meeting her.

would hurry along and get there well in advance of us.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

Harriet Hubbard Ayer Tells Post-Dispatch Lady Readers the Well Groomed Woman's Secrets of Health and Beauty.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

WHEN one wishes to briefly epitomize a woman as exquisitely neat, perfectly dressed and correct in all the appointments of a thoroughbred daughter of the nineteenth century, one says of her, "She is a well-groomed woman."

Practically, it means that the lady in question is most delicately fastidious in everything pertaining to her toilet and personality. The well-groomed woman would much sooner relinquish her breakfast than her morning plunge, and about as willingly submit to an attack upon her moral character as to a suspicion that her linen was ever other than absolutely immaculate.

Good grooming has nothing whatever to do with make-up in any form.

Indeed, it is opposed radically to paints, powders and artifice generally.

The well-groomed woman is she who takes her two baths daily, and whose bath at night is known as and called the hot scrub.

The friction of the various bath brushes used for this function gives the skin a satin-like bloom which no subterfuge will impart.

The well-groomed woman's hair is lustrous, soft, and, above all, with never a suggestion of dandruff. Her scalp is as clean and shining as her brow.

She is as careful about the cleanliness of her head as of her face, and if necessary the hair will be washed twice or thrice a week, for cleanliness and furfura, as she knows, are incompatible.

Her hands are daintiness itself, her linen irreproachable; her boots as perfectly varnished and as well-fitting and tasteful as those of her brother, the acknowledged



It requires much time, but it is time well spent.

best-dressed man of his class at Yale or Columbia.

Her skirts and jackets appear, each time she wears them until they are cast aside, without a frazzled edge or spot. Her gloves fit to a nicety, never pinch, and are always whole and carefully buttoned.

It requires so much time, I hear a reader say

Yes it does; but it is time well spent.

It pays particularly for middle-aged women to be thoroughly well groomed.

The other day I met a woman who is certainly 50, possibly older.

She was positively a radiantly handsome creature; so sweet, so wholesome looking, so deliciously nice to the eye, that I said to her:

"You are better looking, handsomer, more attractive than you ever have been.

"You were stout ten years ago—too stout. You didn't look at all as you do now. What do you mean by playing such a trick, and you a grandmother?"

And my friend laughed and showed two rows of glistening teeth, and, looking at me with the merry bright eyes of her youngest daughter, said:

"Why, I am younger than I was 15 years ago, for then I weighed over 200 pounds and had three chins.

"Then I had an idea that I must settle down and wear middle-aged clothes—'costumes' the dressmakers call them—and bonnets with strings under the chin, such as are worn with costumes and wraps—large, voluminous wraps," continued my friend.

"Oh, I was playing my middle-aged role to the very limit, when suddenly I awakened to the fact that my husband was constantly referring to this or that woman's beautiful figure, charming appearance and well-groomed look.

"Sometimes the women he spoke of were younger, sometimes about my own age.

"Gradually I awakened to the knowledge that my husband, at five and forty, was just as much of a man and just as suscep-



The hair should be washed twice or thrice a week.

tible to beauty and grace as when he first found me pretty and charming 20 years before.

"All in a moment I realized that I had grown fat and dumpy and indolent, and that I was losing my husband's love.

"Now, it may be unfashionable, but I am just as much in love with Ned Brookes as I was the day we were married.

"When I actually understood the danger I was in I can tell you I made up my mind to defend my most priceless possession.

"I got a book on physical culture. I learned how to reduce my fresh systematically and how to keep at a certain desirable weight. I learned the ritual of perfect cleanliness and practiced it religiously, getting back my old-time freshness.

"I stopped wearing 'costumes' and became tailor-made for the street. I ordered the prettiest gowns and negliges for home



The hot scrub at night is the thing.

and the most elegant little wraps and waists for the theater, and you never saw anyone so astonished and delighted as dear old Ned.

"When the first grandchild came I wore such a perfectly stunning gown to the christening, and I looked so well, that my husband and my son-in-law kissed me and called me a 'regular peach.'

"It wasn't an elegant expression, but it made me happy and it made me doubly appreciate the merit of being a perfectly groomed and well-dressed woman at all times, especially after one has passed one's allotted 'beaute du diable.'"

HARRIET HUBBARD AYER.

THE NEWEST BOOKS.

AN excellent introduction to American history is "First Steps in the History of Our Country," by William A. and Arthur May Mowry. It is adapted to the childish understanding and is designed to arouse interest in the story by means of brief and bright biographies of the heroes. Beginning with Columbus, all the great figures are given a place. Explorers, statesmen, inventors, educators—all have a place and the book is so arranged that after reading it the boy or girl will have a very good, conservative view of the country's progress. It is brought down to the declaration of war in April 1898. Published by Silver, Burdett & Co., New York and Chicago.

IT is a good thing for posterity that the wild, pioneer life of Western America is being placed on record in all its picturesqueness by men who lived it. Such men were Col. Henry Inman and Col. William F. Cody, who in collaboration have produced a handsome book, "The Great Salt Lake Trail." Col. Inman was assistant quartermaster, United States Army, and is the author of other interesting works on Western life. Col. Cody is our friend "Buffalo Bill" of world wide fame.

"The Great Salt Lake Trail" is a book of 529 pages, well printed and containing many fine illustrations, including a full page portrait of its two authors.

It will be unnecessary to do more than mention such a work as this. It is one that no true American can do without, if he wishes to understand that vanished time of the settling up of the great West, which is so full of adventures, startling changes and epoch marking events. (New York: The MacMillan Company.)

REV. MYRON W. REED, in "Temple Talks," published by the Bowen-Merrill Company of Indianapolis, aims some sturdy blows at injustice and deals with public questions in a breezy, original way that is entertaining and instructive. Mr. Reed has had a long and varied experience and known many leaders of thought and action. His "Talks" were originally delivered before a non-sectarian body in Denver known as the Broadway Temple Association, of which Mr. Reed was minister. The book contains some delightful studies of Wendell Phillips, Emma Abbot and Pere Marquette.

SAM WALKER FOSS, author of "Back Country Poems," etc., is a favorite with those who admire poetry with a purpose. But what makes Foss so popular is his rattling rhythm and excellent rhyming skill, and he has done his usually good work in "Songs of War and Peace," published by Lee & Shepard. In this volume Mr. Foss has indeed struck a higher note than was reached in his former poems, which were mainly devoted to homely topics. The Spanish war gave him an opportunity and his "Song of Dewey's Guns" ought to live. A verse from the poem entitled "War" reads:

When I speak the centuried towers of old cities melt in smoke,
And the fortressed ports sink reeling at my far-aimed thunder stroke;
And an immemorial empire flings its last flag to the breeze,
Sinking with its splintered navies down in the unpitying seas,
But the blind of sight awaken to an unimagined day,
And the mean of soul grow conscious there is greatness in their clay;
Where my bugle voice goes pealing slaves grow heroes at its breath,
And the trembling coward rushes to the welcome arms of death.'

We like Foss best, however, for his humor, and most of the poems in this book are humorous. The truly humorous poet has a distinct field and his competitors are very few and far apart.

THE bright and clever sketches of Mabel Clare Ervin, that appeared in the Chicago Chronicle, have come out in book form under the title of "As Told by the Typewriter Girl." If they are based on life, some typewriter girls must have a great deal of fun and adventure. The book is a striking example of the poster style of binding, and if it does not prove attractive it will not be for lack of display and color. (New York: E. R. Herrick & Co.)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SUBSCRIBER.—Make your calls Monday.

J. C. C.—The 20th century begins Jan. 1, 1901.

SUBSCRIBER.—Lawrenec Hanley is still in the city at the Columbia.

OBLIGE.—There was a tornado in East St. Louis in 1871.

A READER.—A half-cent, fillet head, 1800 is worth 5 cents.

W. H. B.—There is no premium on a Columbian half-dollar of 1892.

EDWARD ALLEN.—Write to the editor of the Compendium, St. Louis.

SUBSCRIBER.—There is a State Reform School for boys at Boonville.

A READER.—Write to Pension Commissioner. He will furnish full directions.

READER.—The loss of cash to the liveryman is 50 cents. His total loss is $3.50.

OLD READER.—Address Rudyard Kipling, care Harper & Bros., New York.

M. HERZOG.—In your horse trading you made $30, the other man losing that amount.

COLUMBIA.—There is no premium on a half-dollar of 1804, nor on a 3-cent piece of 1853.

D. H.—The largest brewery in the world for beer, ale and stout is Guinness, Dublin, Ireland.

SUBSCRIBER.—The date of the attempt to blow up Russell Sage in New York was Dec 4, 1891.

"JEMIMY ANN."—Letters from the People should be brief and written on but one side of the paper.

S. J.—Opinions differ. Ethel Barrymore is thought by many to be the most beautiful unmarried actress.

A. & S.—Game of pitch, A 1 to go, B 3 and bids 3, making high, jack, game, A makes low; B wins.

CIRCUS.—Ringling Brothers winter at Madison, Wis. Barnum & Bailey are traveling through England.

O. J. G.—(1) Yes. 2) Yes, the kings and queens can be counted as kings and queens and as four of each kind.

T. H. K.—There are three aces on the dice and 15 other numbers. The chances are not even to throw an ace.

POST-DISPATCH READER.—A quarter of 1853 with no arrows is worth $2.00. There is no premium on a cent of 1853.

A SUBSCRIBER.—"I feel bad" and "I feel badly" are both objectionable. "I feel unwell," or "I feel ill," or "I feel sick" are proper.

JUROR.—The jurisdiction of the Sheriff of St. Louis does not extend beyond the city limits. St. Louis is not in St. Louis County.

ANXIOUS TO KNOW.—The Exposition management is not ready to announce its music for next year. Sousa will not be here this winter.

ANXIOUS GUESSER.—First prize went to Miss Clara Fink, second Mrs. A. Jaques, third Miss Jessie Pufeles. Numbers will not be announced.

R. S.—The present King of Bavara is Otto, who succeeded Ludwig II. June 13, 1886. Otto is crazy, and the kingdom is governed by his uncle, Prince Luitpold.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—You are in the Eleventh Congressional District. No vacancy in the naval academy this year. Write to Congressman Joy for information about the next vacancy.

VON BISMARCK.—All the States you name except Kentucky, have Boards of Agriculture whose secretaries will furnish you the statistics of agricultural products. For manufacturing statistics write to the Secretaries of State. In Kentucky the Secretary of State will supply statistics both of manufacture and agriculture.

RUBBER PLANT.—The trouble often is that the temperature of the room is too high. Keep the atmosphere moist by means of a pan of water on the stove and water the plant.

READER.—The unit is the pound sterling worth in American money $4.86. There are 20 shillings in a pound, 12 pence in a shilling, 15 shillings, 6 pence would be worth $3.77.

CONSTANT.—The product is 97.75, not 98. In your first attempt you have thoughtlessly repeated one of the multiplications in which ½ is a factor. Hence your difficulty.

CONSTANT READER.—For information about reading, addresses, etc., write to Civil Service Commissioner, Postoffice building. You will be furnished blanks and instructions.

WELL WISHER.—There is no premium on a dollar of 1878, nor on copper cent of 1827, 1853 and 1858. A 5-cent nickel of 1877 is worth 30 cents, of 1878, 10 cents. You don't give the date of yours.

SUBSCRIBER.—If the pickets are set plumb and the same distance apart it will take more to build a fence over a hill than on a level. How many more depends upon the height of the hill, the angles and the length.

A READER.—Ask bookseller for list of reputable publishers. Your protection is in your contract. You may rely upon the publisher to make correct returns of sales. There is never any trouble with publishers of standing.

LUNCH.—The usual license for a lunch stand is $40 a year, but where the business is quite small a merchants' license is sometimes issued, which only costs $6.35. Go to see the license clerk in the License Commissioner's office, new City Hall.

JOSEPH SCHOMBER.—Consult cyclopedias under head American Indians. Write to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., for information about the various chiefs and their location. He will give you full information on the whole subject.

J. H. C.—Before the war Watson was a Commodore, the lowest of the list. Schley was Captain, second on the list; Sampson, Captain, fourth. Aug. 10 Sampson and Schley were made Rear Admirals, the former taking precedence. Watson is still a Commodore.

ELY ODD.—The verses you send in are lofty and pleasing in sentiment, but you are not yet a master of rhyme. Rhymes, if used at all should be perfect. Throne and home do not rhyme; deep and peak do not rhyme. Study the simplest verses of Tennyson, Longfellow and Scott.

E. W. G.—You will have to obtain the testimony of friends who have known you from childhood, and those who know the circumstances of your birth. It is altogether a question of evidence. You can establish your identity through witnesses who knew you while in your father's house and acknowledged as his son.

READER.—Mason and Dixon's line was the name given to the southern boundary line of the free State of Pennsylvania which separated it from the slave States of Maryland and Virginia. It lies in latitude 39 degrees 43 minutes 26.3 seconds, and was run with the exception of 22 miles by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, between Nov. 15, 1763, and Dec. 26, 1767.

Z. L.—The Peace Commissioners were Wm. R. Day of Ohio, Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota, William P. Frye of Maine, Whitelaw Reid of New York, Republicans; George Gray of Delaware, Democrat. Of these, Davis, Frye and Gray are United States Senators, and will receive no remuneration beyond their expenses. They will receive their salaries as Senators. Day and Reid will be paid, but the amounts will be determined by the President.



GOOD-BYE.

Good-bye, Old Year—God bless you!
We had a deal of fun
Together, in a quiet way,
Before your days were done;
And more than once we startled
The natives with our shout,
And something always came to pass
When you and I went out.

Good-bye, Old Year—God bless you!
I like your breezy style,
And much it grieves me that you can't
Remain with us a while.
What wonder that I love you?
What wonder if I'm sad,
When I recount, in solemn mood,
The good old times we've had?

Good-bye, Old Year—God bless you!
I never hope to see
A better, brighter, warmer time
Than that you brought for me.
I hate to see you leave us;
I can't restrain a sigh,
For surely you were friend of mine.
Good-bye, Old Year, good-bye!

The army beef was embalmed, but the bodies of the soldiers it killed were not.

That "brush" between Sculptor Bringhurst and Painter Cornoyer tickled the "palettes" of the professionals. The fight did not lack for "color" and both were in good "form."

Now that Mrs. Gunn is after Polygamist Roberts we may expect to hear a loud report.

GET READY.

Rush out and get a drink or three;
Light up your best cigar;
Urge all the friends you chance to see
To join you at the bar.
Fill up the glasses! Shout and sing,
Though pious ones may scoff,
And get the best of every thing,
And revel till the rafters ring—
To-night we all swear off.

IS AN INTERESTING NUMBER.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Issues an Anniversary Edition.

From the Kansas City Times.

The 20th anniversary number of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch has been issued. Many of the leading men of this State have written for it articles on Missouri which are of much interest. They are printed in the Christmas anniversary edition. Among the contributions are the following:

"Missouri's Growth in Twenty Years," by Gov. Lon V. Stephens.

"Banks and Banking," by Charles Parsons, Dean of the Bankers of St. Louis.

"The City of St. Louis," by Mayor Henry Ziegenhein; by President of the Board of Public Improvements Robert McMath.

"Religious Progress," by Archbishop Kane and Father D. S. Phelan; by Bishop D. S. Tuttle; by Rev. S. J. Nicool; by Rev. J. B. Young; by Rev. S. J. Garrison.

"Railways," by William Taussig.

"Messages of Peace and Good Will," Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. Jefferson Davis, Cardinals Martinelli and Gibbons, Gens. Miles and Wheeler, Admiral Dewey, etc.

SPORTS OF THE DAY.

A TURF SENSATION.

WINTER RACING TO BE INAUGURATED AT LOUISVILLE AT ONCE.

NEW TRACK BEING BUILT THERE

One of the Promoters Says Racing Will Be Carried on With or Without Leave of Turf Congress.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—There is to be winter racing at Louisville.

If the Turf Congress will permit of such thing the racing will be conducted under its rules.

If permission is refused then the meeting will be given anyway. At least so say the promoters.

The new racing association will be entirely separate from the New Louisville Jockey Club.

It will be called the River View Jockey Club, and will be composed of a syndicate of local turfmen, with Col. Lum Simons, politician, harness horseman, broker and city contractor, at its head. The new track will be built on Col. Simons' place, River View Park, two miles west of the city. It will be a half-mile course, and 100 men will begin work on it next week.

A similar number will begin the construction of a commodious grand stand next week, and before a month all will be in readiness for the meeting, according to the statements of the promoters.

It is held that the meeting will be held in compliance with the rules of the American Turf Congress, under which racing is conducted in the West, and by its sanction, though the statement is also made that if the Turf Congress refuses to sanction the meeting it will be held in spite of the congress as well as of the Jockey Club, which controls racing in the East.

It is proposed to begin the meeting by February 1, and to race every day, Sunday excepted, indefinitely. The horses will come from Montgomery Park, Nashville, New Orleans, Memphis and elsewhere, correspondence having been already opened with turfmen who are wintering their stables at these places. Two track builders from New York arrived here yesterday, and they spent the greater part of the afternoon looking over the park and making estimates on the course and grand stand.

Col. Simons, on whose farm the new track is to be built, was asked how the meetings would be conducted. He replied:

"I think they will be conducted as an associational meeting. We will try to establish a winter racing association here same as that at New Orleans, in Florida and elsewhere. We believe it would bring a large number of people to the city and would boom trade. Louisville is far enough South for a winter race meeting, and we see no reason why one should not be conducted. Why, they have held successful race meetings as far north as Chicago with the mercury 16 degrees below zero, and I am sure we can hold one here."

"But suppose the American Turf Congress, which controls all the Western meetings, refuses to give its consent to this meet of yours, then what will you do?"

"Well, if we can't get the consent of the Turf Congress we will hold the meeting anyway," replied Col. Simons.

"But don't say this will be an 'outlaw' track," he continued, "for I am sure it will be an associations track. We will not antagonize the Louisville Jockey Club or the American Turf Congress in any way. We are simply going to have a winter race meeting, which will continue well on into spring.

"How about the betting privileges?" was asked.

"We have not decided on this 'as yet but, of course, we will sell pools on the races."

"Will you try to conduct a foreign book?"

"This has not been mentioned so far."

The coming meeting will be the first of its kind ever held in Kentucky, so far back as local horsemen can remember. Late fall meetings have been held at Lexington and at the tracks about Cincinnati, but if ever a race meeting was conducted in Kentucky during the winter local horsemen do not remember it.

The shoestring lassooed a tannery at New Orleans, Friday when Covington, Ky., the richly bred but doggy son of El Rio Rey romped home winner of the opening race of the afternoon at the appetising odds of 100 to 1.

Barney Schreiber and Dan Honig each won a race Friday at the Oakland track.

Against Aluminum Barney's winner, as good as 15 to 1, was laid, but Zamar II. was heavily played by Honig at 2 to 1 and 9 to 5.

The New Year Handicap at a mile is the Saturday half-holiday offering of the Crescent City Jockey Club. The handicap did not prove to be a glittering success, only six horses remaining in. Of this number Sailor King and Lolterer belong to J. J. McCafferty and his entry will probably furnish the winner of the stake.

At Oakland the Athenian Club cup is the feature attraction of the card. The race is at the unusual distance of two miles and a quarter, and but five horses are named to go. Wheel of Fortune weighted with only 95 pounds should be able to outgame her four opponents, though Daisy F's breeding—by Riley out of Modesty—suggests staying power.

Winnie O'Connor has turned out to be a veritable Klondike for "Father" Bill Daly. Half a dozen horsemen have offered the veteran turfman small fortunes for O'Connor's contract, which has three years to run. Daly is playing the part of the coy maiden, and thinks he should be given at least $10,000 as compensation for his trouble in developing the leading feather-weight rider of the country.

The New Ice Palace.

Manager Manning states positively that he ice palace will open next Wednesday evening. On that occasion several professional fancy skaters will make their St. Louis debut and give a short exhibition. The pool was frozen over yesterday for a trial and in one hour the ice was four inches thick. Manning cut several figures and then left everything to get in condition for the opening night.

For Pains and Aches—All Sorts—The Quickest Relief Is in a
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(SEAL) STAMP (ON THE GENUINE)
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JOCKEY O'CONNOR THE IDOL AT NEW ORLEANS.



GIBSON AND ELKES.

THE TWO GREAT BICYCLE RIDERS TO MEET ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

"Baby" Gibson, the diminutive cycle representative from Cincinnati, and Harry Elkes, America's champion hour rider, will ride a ten-mile paced match race at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

Notwithstanding the fact that Gibson has met and defeated the famous old "Plugger Bill" Martin, while Elkes met defeat at the hands of Martin, Elkes is of the opinion that he can make the Western youth look like a selling plater.

In to-night's race Gibson will start 45 seconds ahead of Elkes. With this handicap it seems almost out of the question for Elkes to defeat the little fellow, as he is as game and speedy as the great Michael.

Against single riders Elkes has been very successful. During the six-day race he won from the Frenchman, Taylor, in an hour race and on last Saturday he defeated Eaton and Goodman in a 20-mile relay race, each rider going 10 miles. An accident to the petroleum tandem that paced the single riders spoiled the race.

Gibson, the pride of the middle West, and the rider who it is predicted will take the place of Michael before many years, was unknown to New York and the East until last Saturday. The spectators who saw him enter the track on Saturday began to doubt the stories of his skill and speed, but when they saw him follow the pace as good as the best of them, their idea changed and the Western boy received cheers seldom before heard at the garden.

The result of to-night's race will be watched with interest all over the country, as the past month Elkes, Gibson and McDuffee have been trying to arrange a match with Michael. If Gibson does not defeat Elkes to-night with that handicap he may rest assured he will not have a chance at Michael. For Elkes to get a match he must defeat Gibson. If Gibson wins to-night's race he will follow Michael to San Francisco and try to arrange a match there. McDuffee will also go to Erisco.

Besides the match race a mile open professional event will be pulled off, Nat Butler, Goodman and Eaton are among the riders who will compete. The quarter-mile amateur championship will also be competed for. There will be a number of relay tandem races, in which several well-known clubs will take part.

Frank Waller, who challenged Harry Elkes to ride a 50-mile paced race, has had his offer accepted by the Glen Falls rider, and these two men will pace next Monday. Waller, who was with the top-notchers in the cycle race several weeks ago, is in great condition, and thinks he is capable of giving the youngster a good beating. The two riders met in Baltimore some time ago, Elkes winning, but the distance between the two riders at the finish was so small that Waller has been trying to get another crack at Elkes for some time. If Elkes defeats Gibson to-night and Waller Monday he will retire from indoor work with an unbroken record.

The Knickerbocker Athletes.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The athletes of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club are preparing themselves for the coming season by a series of weekly indoor competitions, for which point prizes are offered. Two events are on the card this evening. A running high jump and sixteen-pound shot-putting contest. "Willie" Kingden, the juvenile six-footer, leads in the competition, with eight points. Fred Schaefer is second, with six points, and "Dan" Reuss, third, with four points. On Jan. 1, an association of the club's athletes known as the Mushrooms will hold their first session of the season. On this occasion the new athletes of the club will be initiated in what is thought a proper manner.

St. Louis Football League Notes.

There will be two games played by the League next Sunday.

It is a tight race for the pennant between the Globes and the Jeffersons, while the Blankes are right in the bunch.

The games of the St. Louis Football League are all played in a gentlemanly manner—no fighting because a team is losing and no one team playing against three.

Joe Nolan is playing a very good game for the Globes this season.

Henein and Winstanley are playing a good game at full back for the Globes.

Manager Bartley says he is going to spring a surprise on the league in a few Sundays by an u[illegible] to his team of two good men.

Cudmore and [illegible] seem to be improving [illegible] team is [illegible]

M'COY IS CONFIDENT

THE HOOSIER TALKS AS THOUGH HE WAS CERTAIN OF VICTORY OVER SHARKEY.

The funny thing about the coming fight between Kid McCoy and Tom Sharkey is the former's apparent confidence in his ability to win.

In fact, McCoy seems more confident of winning this fight than any battle he has ever taken part in.

He intends to challenge Fitzsimmons to fight him for the world's championship, and claims that the Sharkey fight is already won for him.

"McCoy is visited every day by sporting men, and if their statements of the Kid's condition are true, it certainly looks as if he stands a chance of defeating Sharkey.

The latter, however, is not a bit worried over the glowing reports he hears of McCoy's condition, and says he feels as confident of getting the decision as McCoy does.

Sharkey, in speaking about his chance of winning from McCoy, said on Friday:

"I feel pretty sure that I will beat McCoy, but I don't expect to do it before going through the hardest fight I have ever experienced. McCoy I consider a great fighter, and, as I regard him as being a better fighter than Corbett, I am sure he will make me fight the battle of my life before I finally put him out."

Tom O'Rourke, manager of Sharkey, is perfectly satisfied with Sharkey's condition, and said this afternoon:

"Sharkey will be the champion of the world in 1899."

O'Rourke also stated that he intends to bet a big amount of money on Sharkey's chances if he can get good odds. O'Rourke bet only $50 on Sharkey when he fought Corbett.

Jack McAuliffe, for years champion lightweight pugilist, in talking of the coming match between Sharkey and McCoy, said that it is a case of science against strength. He did not care to give an opinion as to the result, but a little later said that Fitzsimmons was the only man in the business who could beat Sharkey. Of Corbett, Jack does not entertain a very high opinion. When asked what he thought of Corbett's future, he said: "He's all done. One of these days he will be playing the piano in some music hall."

McAuliffe regards Corbett as a very skillful boxer, but lacking in heart. Speaking of Fitzsimmons, McAuliffe said that when Jack Dempsey met Fitz he had to beat any man in the world. He says that Fitz is just throwing away money and the chance of his life to become a rich man. Instead of scouring the country with a theatrical company, McAuliffe says, he ought to have remained at New York this winter, where he could have made $100,000 in limited-round bouts with such people as Sharkey, Jeffries, Corbett and McCoy.

McAuliffe is thinking of again returning to the ring, and that may be before very long. At present he does not say he will train at Hamden, which he regards as the best locality he has seen for such work. He now weighs about 170 in his clothes, perhaps 160 stripped. That would leave him about 25 pounds to take off, which he says he could do between March and September. McAuliffe will leave for New York next Monday.

The boxing, wrestling and other events at the West End Club will be brought off Saturday night. There will be an eight-round go between Kid Lefevre of Cincinnati and Joe Frede, the clever local pugilist. There will also be a preliminary bout between Reagan and Flynn. Oscar Wasem and George Baptiste will also appear in a wrestling bout.

George Green of San Francisco was given the decision last night over Dan Creedon, late of St. Louis. Green had the best of it until the seventeenth round, when Creedon got in his work and made the pace very lively for his opponent until the twentieth round. When the referee decided in favor of Green he was hooted by some and cheered by others.

Yesterday's Track Winners.

At New Orleans—Covington, Ky.; Banish, Muskadine, Village Pride and Terramic.

At Oakland—Opponent, Aluminum, El Estro, First Call, Zamar II. and Hohenlohe.

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Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Syphilis permanently cured in 15 to 35 days. You can be treated at home for the same price under same guaranty. [illegible]

A BIG CONSPIRACY.

A SCHEME ON FOOT TO ROB ST. LOUISANS OF THEIR BASE-BALL PROPERTY.

NIC YOUNG'S QUEER ACTION.

It and a Statement by President Abell of Brooklyn Show Just Which Way the Wind Is Blowing.

William Kinnerk, attorney for Chris Von der Ahe, reached Washington Friday, and at once called on Mr. Young, President of the National League, for his deposition.

Young refused to give it, and now Kinnerk will go before one of the District Judges in Washington and ask him to compel Young to give his deposition.

The President of the League in a private conversation admitted that the League franchise had been issued to the St. Louis Baseball Association, Chris Von der Ahe, President; George Munson, Secretary, and that no formal transfer of it to the Sportsman's Park and Club had ever been made.

If the court compels him to give his deposition it will be all in favor of Von der Ahe.

The action of Young and a statement made by Abell of the Brooklyn Club Friday to the effect that the League would control the St. Louis franchise if the club was bought in at receiver's sale, shows that there is a conspiracy afoot to secure the franchise for Brush and Robison.

The only salvation for the St. Louis claimants is for them to get together, bury their differences and then stand on their legal rights. That sort of action is the only thing that will save the property to the conflicting parties now in St. Louis.

If Von der Ahe, Becker and the bondholders could be gotten together to work in harmony then the property could be saved to the St. Louis interests. But while they are at war the League, or rather Brush, Robison & Co., are likely to come in here and rake the chestnuts out of the fire.

Abell of Brooklyn, in an open interview, comes out plump and plain and shows the League's hand by stating that that body will give the St. Louis franchise to no one but Robison. Abell says:

"From what I can learn, there is only one man who will be acceptable to the League, and that is Robison of Cleveland. If he can get the club he will receive the franchise, and can then take his strong ball team to that city without obstruction. As the League seems determined to strengthen the St. Louis end of the circuit, and as Robison has a team that brings about such a condition of affairs, I feel sure that if anything happens Tebeau's players will represent St. Louis next season or later.

"It is rather precarious business to buy a League ball club unless one feels sure that he receives the right to play ball with the other teams in the circuit. Those who would like to buy the St. Louis club have not received assurance that they would be accepted by the League, consequently they would do well not to jump at conclusions. The present twelve-club compact has three years to run. If, at the end of that time, the St. Louis club should still be a financial loser because of poor management, there is no doubt in my mind that the city would be dropped from the proposed new eight-club circuit, another town like Milwaukee or Detroit being substituted."

The above statement of Abell and the refusal of Young to testify as to the question of ownership shows on its face the conspiracy on foot to rob the St. Louis parties of their property. If such a conspiracy is carried out the bondholders, Becker, Von der Ahe and every other creditor of the club will be robbed outright, for all that will be left to them will be a lease on a baseball park and a lot of debts. The future of the St. Louisans, therefore, is as plain as the nose on one's face—they must pull together and stand on their rights or fall into the trap Brush, Robison & Co. have set for them.

At noon to-day the following dispatch was received from William A. Kinnerk, Von der Ahe's attorney:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Justice of the Supreme Court has ordered President Young to give his deposition in the baseball case. WILLIAM A. KINNERK.

It will be seen by the above that Von der Ahe has won first blood in the fight in the courts in his effort to establish his right and title to the St. Louis baseball franchise in the National League.

THE COURSING CLUB.

For a Little While It Will Discontinue Its Meetings at Pastime Park.

Failure to secure a renewal of their lease on Pastime Park determined the Directors of the St. Louis Coursing Club to discontinue, until they located new grounds, the usual Sunday meetings.

At the regular weekly meeting of the club held at 612 Bartmer avenue Friday evening a committee of five was appointed to secure a new coursing headquarters. This committee, consisting of Ben O'Keefe, Chairman, Frank Jones, C. N. Yuhman, C. Z. Hardy and J. Lavin, will come together Tuesday night and hope by Friday next to be able to announce they have located as accessible and as available a coursing rendezvous as there is in this country. Anyway there will be an opportunity for the greyhounds to earn hamburger steaks the next few weeks, and those of the leash-men who have gotten their dogs on edge are correspondingly unhappy.

The annual election of the officers of the Coursing Club for the incoming year will take place Friday evening at 612 Bartmer avenue.

THE CALIFORNIA LEAGUE.

The Players Out There Have Just Finished Their Regular Season.

Truly America is a great country.

While the professional base-ball players of these parts are keeping near the stove to keep from freezing to death the California players have just finished their regular season.

The California League season, which has just come to a close, was filled with surprises of various kinds. Sacramento won the pennant with comparative ease, while Santa Cruz and Oakland finished second and third, respectively.

Burge of the Surf Cities led the league in batting. "Dutch" Strieb of Santa Cruz is the champion base runner.

The league enjoyed a fairly successful season, although the attendance was not up to last year's record.

Nothing definite has been done since the close of the season, but several stories are out to the effect that there will be two leagues in the California field when next season opens.

The Cali[illegible]a magnates are already following [illegible]ample of their major league brothers [illegible] grabbing every player of promis[illegible]

Che[illegible]bury Departs.

Harry [illegible]

ATTENTION, TAXPAYERS!

If you have not paid your taxes for 1898 do so now, as the law requires me to add interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month in addition to penalties and costs from January 1st, 1899.

Respectfully,

CHAS. F. WENNEKER,
COLLECTOR OF THE REVENUE.

THE POT CALLED THE KETTLE BLACK BECAUSE THE HOUSEWIFE DIDN'T USE
SAPOLIO

NOTICE
Mr. Albert E. Reynolds
So many years associated with the popularity of "THATCHER'S RESTAURANT," begs to notify his friends and patrons that on Jan. 1st he will assume the management of the new establishment,
Thatcher's CAFE-RESTAURANT,
411 NORTH BROADWAY.
The daintiest, most refined Ladies' and Gentlemen's Restaurant in the city. Strictly Moderate Prices.

You Can't Get Better,
Though you pay double, is the rule that applies to French's suits and Trousers.
BUSINESS SUITS $25.
J. H. French, Tailor, 515 Pine St.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

OFFICE Schultz Belting Co., corner Bismarck and Barton sts.—St. Louis, Dec. 27, 1898, the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of five directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1899. Polls open from 9 a. m. until 2 p. m. J. SCHULTZ, President.
B. C. ALVORD, Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Scharff-Bernheimer Grocer Co. for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of the company on Monday, Jan. 9, '99, at 9 o'clock a. m.
The present twelve-club compact has three years to run. If, at the end of that time, the St. Louis club should still be a financial loser because of poor management, there is no doubt in my mind that the city would be dropped from the proposed new eight-club circuit, another town like Milwaukee or Detroit being substituted.
SIDNEY N. SCHARFF, Secretary.
Dec. 31, 1898.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Brewing Co. for the purpose of electing five directors of said company to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the office of said company, No. 2825 S. Broadway, on Monday, Jan. 9, 1899. Polls will be open from 9 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon.
HENRY KOEHLER, JR., President.
HUGO A. KOEHLER, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING NOTICE—The annual meeting of the stockholders of McCann Manufacturing Realty Co., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the company, 1140 Chestnut st., St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, Jan. 9, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m.
JAMES V. McCANN, President.
PAUL M. DOWLING, Secretary.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis Fireworks Co. for the election of five directors will be held at the office of the company, 507 N. Main st., on Monday, January 9th, 1899, at 2 p. m.
St. Louis, Dec. 20th, 1898.
ED. J. BINGLE, Secretary.
JOS. SPIEGETHALTER, President.

SANTAL CAPSULES MIDY
Relieves Kidney & Bladder troubles at once.
Cures in 48 Hours all URINARY DISCHARGES
Each Capsule bears the name—MIDY. Beware of useless counterfeits.

PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE, ALWAYS RELIABLE. LADIES ASK Druggist for Chichester's English Diamond Brand in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. At Druggists, or send 4c. in stamps for particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Name Paper. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, Phila., Pa.

AMUSEMENTS.

STANDARD.
The House of Folly—Two Performances Daily.
HARRY MORRIS' LITTLE LAMBS
In TRAINING THE LAMBS and GEN. FINK'S ARMY.
Next Week—Reilley & Wood's Big Show.

HAVLIN'S
25-cent Matinee Tues., Thurs. and Saturday.
Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag."
Night Prices: 15-25-35 and 50 Cts.
Next Sun. Mat.—Mildred Holland in "Two Little Vagrants"

MATINEE TO-DAY. (Saturday)
OLYMPIC
DAN DALY IN THE Belle of N. Y.
Sunday Evening—Sousa's The Bride Elect.

COLUMBIA.
Matinee Daily. 25c. Any seat in house.
CLORINDY, the Cake Walk,
MARY NORMAN,
THE ROSSOW MIDGETS,
8—OTHER BIG SPECIALTIES—8
Evening Prices—10c-25c-50c-75c.
No advance in holiday prices.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
Charming Play, LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY.
Twice daily, 1:45 and 7:45 P. M.
CHAMPION EDDY FAMILY.
WONDERFUL DIVING DOG, DINK.
LYNCH AND JEWELL.
BIG ORCHESTRA—10c, 20c, 30c.
BRING THE LITTLE FOLKS.

IMPERIAL.
Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.
UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.
GRAND COLORED JUBILEE.
Beginning To-Morrow, LIGHTS O' LONDON.
Special New Year's Matinee Monday.

CENTURY MATINEE TO-DAY.
HOYT'S Original No. 1 Company, Harry Conor and Anna Boyd.
A STRANGER IN NEW YORK.
Holiday Prices—$1, 75c, 50c, 25c.
NEXT WEEK, BEGINNING SUNDAY NIGHT,
BLANCHE WISH and MELBOURNE MACDOWELL
IN FANNY DAVENPORT'S Production of SARDOU'S LA TOSCA and FEDORA.
SEATS NOW ON SALE.

DENTISTS.
Full Set of Teeth, $1.00.
IN ORDER TO INCREASE OUR CLINIC we want every man, woman and child in St. Louis to have their mouths examined by the professors of this college. All your work will be done free. Small charges for materials. WE DO AS WE ADVERTISE.
Teeth Extracted Without Pain ..... FREE
Teeth Cleaned ..... FREE
Silver Fillings ..... FREE
Soft Fillings ..... FREE
22-k Gold Crowns $2.65
Union Dental College, 622 Olive St.
S. E. Corner Seventh and Olive.

SAVE PAIN. SAVE MONEY.
Largest office in the city—8000 square feet office room. Dr. Tarr and his skilled staff of operators are constantly in attendance.
Painless Extraction 25c
Full Set of Teeth $5.00
Gold Crowns, 22k $4.00
Bridgework, per tooth $4.00
Silver Fillings ..... 25c up
Gold Fillings ..... 75c up
National Dental Parlors, - 720 Olive St.
Lady attendants. OPEN DAILY TILL 9 P. M.; SUNDAYS, 9 to 4. Take elevator.

DR. E. C. CHASE,
DENTIST,
6th & LOCUST Sts.
ORIEL BUILDING
Gold Crowns, $5.00
Best Plates, $8.00
Gold and Plastic Fillings. Painless Extracting

J. A. SHOBER, DENTIST,
311 N. 7TH ST., SUITE 707, HOLLAND BLDG.
22-Karat Gold Crowns, $4.00.
ALBANY DENTAL CO. TAKE ELEVATOR

A CITY AND SALOONS.

An Illinois Court Defines a Municipality's Rights.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 31.—Judge W. H. Gest, in the Circuit Court here, has ruled that municipalities have the right to regulate, within reasonable limits, the licensing and government of saloons. The case was one in which the Rock Island Brewing Co. secured a license to operate on property in the township, which it bought for that purpose, without securing the consent of adjoining property holders.

Bayless May Retain Freeman.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.—It is understood that State Superintendent of Public Instruction Freeman will remain in that office as assistant to his successor, Prof. Alfred Bayliss.

A common expression is: "The human race is growing weaker and wiser." That we are growing weaker is proved by the large number of pale, thin and emaciated people.

That we are growing wiser may be proved by overcoming these [illegible]

TRAVELERS GUIDE.

AIR LINE.

LOUISVILLE, EVANSVILLE & ST. LOUIS.

	Depart	Arrive.
Louisville Mail and Express, da	3:00 am	6:00 pm
Louisville Special, daily	9:15 pm	7:04 am

B. & O. S.-W. RY. CO.

Cincinnati, Louisville, Washington and New York Fast Line, daily	2:32 am	.....
Cincinnati Accom., ex. Sunday	7:16 am	6:25 pm
Cincinnati, Louisville, Washington and New York Ltd., da	8:20 am	.....
Flora Accom., except Sunday	5:20 pm	9:55 am
Flora Accom., Sunday only	6:35 pm	10:32 am
Cincinnati, Louisville and Pittsburg Express, daily	8:30 pm	.....
West Baden and French Lick Springs, via Monon Route	8:20 am	6:40 pm
New York, Washington, Cincinnati and Louisville Exp., da	.....	7:36 am
New York, Washington, Cincinnati and Louisville Exp., da	.....	6:40 pm
Fast Mail and Express, from Eastern points, daily	.....	12:40 pm

BIG FOUR ROUTE.

CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. L.

Day Express, daily ex. Sunday	7:44 am	3:44 pm
Knickerbocker Special, daily	12:00 m	6:56 pm
Mattoon Accom., daily, ex. Sun	4:20 pm	10:00 am
Boston, New York, Cincinnati & Washington Express, daily	8:06 pm	7:30 am

BURLINGTON ROUTE.

ST. L., K. & N. W. R. R.—UNION STATION.

Minneapolis, St. Paul, daily	11:50 am	3:45 pm
Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Montana, North Pacific Coast, Black Hills and California Express, daily	8:45 pm	7:19 am
Hannibal, Quincy, Keokuk and Burlington Night Ex., daily	7:40 pm	6:50 am
Kansas, City, Atchison, St. Joseph, daily	7:50 am	3:00 pm
Fast Mail—Hannibal, Quincy & Burlington and Iowa	3:55 am	.....
Local Passenger from Hannibal, daily	.....	11:00 am
St. Paul & Minneapolis, daily, except Saturday	7:40 pm	.....

C., B. & Q. R. R.

Rock Island, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Peoria, La Crosse and Dubuque Express, daily	8:21 am	5:21 pm
Rock Island, Bushnell, Galesburg, Peoria Express, daily	7:50 pm	6:40 am

CHICAGO & ALTON.

Chicago Limited, daily	8:35 am	7:05 pm
Chicago Palace Express, daily	9:00 pm	7:20 am
Chicago Midnight Special, daily	11:31 pm	8:04 am
Chicago Day Local Exp., daily	7:08 am	9:20 pm
Springfield Accom., daily	5:05 pm	10:25 am
Jacksonville Accom., daily, except Sunday	5:05 pm	10:25 am
Kansas City Vestibuled Ltd., da	2:40 pm	7:05 am
Kansas City Day Exp., daily	7:48 am	6:35 pm
Peoria Day Express, daily, except Sunday	8:36 am	7:05 pm
Peoria Midnight Special, daily, except Saturday	11:34 pm	.....
Pacific Coast Limited, Monday and Friday	8:28 am	.....
Pacific Coast Limited, Tuesday and Saturday	.....	7:40 pm

CLOVER LEAF.

TOLEDO, ST. LOUIS & KANSAS CITY RY.

Mail and Express, daily	8:12 am	8:50 pm
Toledo Express, daily	7:30 pm	7:40 am

COTTON BELT.

ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY.

Cotton Belt Express, daily	7:50 am	6:50 pm

FRISCO LINE.

Arkansas and Texas Mail, for Fort Smith, Paris, Dallas, Greenville, Ennis, Corsicana, Houston, Galveston, daily	8:45 am	6:15 pm
Kansas and Oklahoma Mail, for Carthage, Joplin, Wichita, Arkansas City, Okla., Galesville, Fort Worth	8:45 am	6:15 pm
Texas Limited (vestibuled) for Dallas, Ennis, Corsicana, Houston and Galveston, daily	8:16 pm	7:25 am
Western Express, for Eureka Springs, Carthage, Joplin, Wichita, Newton and the Far West, daily	8:30 pm	7:14 am

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

NORTHERN LINES.

Chicago Daylight Special, da	12:30 pm	7:00 pm
Chicago Diamond Special, daily	9:10 pm	7:24 am

SOUTHERN LINES.

Paducah Mail and Express, Memphis, Cape Girardeau and Eldorado	9:00 am	7:45 pm
New Orleans Fast Mail—Cairo, Memphis and Texas Exp., Nashville Day Express—Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.	9:00 am	7:04 pm
Memphis and New Orleans Line—Paducah, Cairo and Vicksburg Express	9:44 pm	7:30 am
"Dixie Flyer" Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.	6:44 pm	7:4[illegible] am
Murphysboro, Marion and Cairo, except Sunday	4:25 pm	11:[illegible] am
Murphysboro, Marion and Creal Springs, daily	4:25 pm	11:[illegible] am
Centerville, Sparta, Chester and Perryville, daily	8:00 am	7:0[illegible] pm

IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

Texas, El Paso and California Express, Daily	8:05 am	7:[illegible] pm
Delta, Columbia, Cairo and Shreveport Express, daily	7:50 am	6:50 pm
Hot Springs, Dallas and Fort Worth Express, daily	10:00 am	5:41 pm
Texas Special — Dallas, Fort Worth, Galveston, San Antonio and Laredo, daily	8:15 pm	7:25 am
Memphis and Hot Springs Express, daily	8:37 pm	7:00 am

L. & N. R. R.

Fast Mail to Evansville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., Port Orleans & Jacksonville (Fla.), da	7:56 am	7:32 pm
Southern Express to Evansville, Nashville, Birmingham, Mobile, New Orleans, Thomasville, Jacksonville, Palatka, Ocala and St. Petersburg (Fla.)	3:55 pm	7:20 am

LOUISVILLE, HENDERSON & ST. L.

(Henderson Route.)

Fast Mail—Owensboro, Cloverport, Louisville and East, da.	7:54 am	7:32 pm
Eastern Express—Owensboro, Cloverport, Louisville and the East, daily	3:55 pm	7:20 am

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Fast Mail, daily	3:00 am	10:00 pm
Local Express, daily	7:35 am	6:35 pm
Kansas City, St. Joseph, Omaha & Southern Kansas Ex., da	9:00 am	6:15 pm
Kansas City and Nebraska Limited — Kansas City, Joplin, Wichita, St. Joseph, Omaha, Southern Kansas & Southwest Missouri, daily	8:10 pm	7:20 am
Washington Accom., ex. Sun.	5:20 pm	7:35 a
Kansas City and Colorado Express, daily	9:15 pm	7:10 am

M., K. & T.

Boonville, Sedalia, Clinton, Ft. Scott, Parsons and Indian Territory Express	9:15 am	3:05 pm
Fort Worth, Dallas, Taylor, Waco and Austin Express	11:30 pm	6:30

MOBILE & OHIO RAILROAD.

New Orleans Express	7:52 am	.....
St. Louis Express	.....	.....
Southern Special	3:00 pm	.....
Northern Special	.....	3
Murphysboro Accom., ex. Sun.	4:25	10

ST. L., K. C. & COLORADO.

Union Express, daily	4:40 pm	1
Union Express, Sunday only	4:40 pm	1

ST. LOUIS-PEORIA LINE.

C., P. & ST. L.—CLUFF LINE.

Peoria, Springfield, Grafton, express, daily	7:56 am	7:25 pm
Alton, Clifton Terrace and Grafton, Sunday only	8:00 am	.....
Springfield and Grafton, Mail, except Sunday	4:56 pm	11:10 am

ST. LOUIS-PEORIA LINE.

C., P. & ST. L. R. R.—ST. L., C. & ST. P. R. R.

Peoria, Springfield and Grafton Express, daily	7:56 am	7:16 pm
Springfield, Grafton and Alton Mail, except Sunday	4:56 pm	11:10 am

ST. LOUIS MERCHANTS' BRIDGE TERMINAL RAILWAY.

SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE.

VANDALIA LINE.

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Express, daily	8:00 am	8:00 pm

"ONE OLD TIE DON'T MAKE A RAILROAD."

Don't think that people are coming to you to buy just because you have been in business for the past twenty years or more. Add more ties by advertising in SUNDAY'S P.-D. WANTS.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

20 words or less 5c.

BOOKKEEPER—Sit. wanted by bookkeeper; 30 years' experience in this city; desires to change Jan. 1st.; ref. to former employers. Add. K 20, Post-Dispatch.

CARPENTER—Reliable carpenter will do repair work; very reasonable. Add. M 35, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Position wanted by a man, steady, sober, as cook; experienced at hotel, restaurant or as camp cook; understands baking. Ad. W 42, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Wanted, situation by a good meat and pastry cook. Address, stating wages, etc., Joseph Jenkin, St. Charles, Mo.

COLLECTOR—Situation wanted by young man of 26 as collector or weigher; can come well recommended. Ad. L 45, Post-Dispatch.

DRAUGHTSMAN—Desires drawing to do at home or take position elsewhere in that line. Ad. Box 17, Wright City, Mo.

DRIVER—Situation wanted by a young man of 25 as driver of delivery wagon or inside work; good recommendation. Address P. O. Box 71, Freeburg, Ill.

ENGINEER—Sit. wanted by stationary engineer; city license; will do own firing. Ad. K 40, Post-Dispatch.

GARDENER—Sit. wanted by gardener; single; first-class grower of roses, chrysanthemums and carnations. Ad. X 42, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Permanent position of any kind by steady, sober man of 24; in wholesale house preferred; best city refs. Ad. P 42, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—A steady, sober, married German, 35, desires position as collector, delivery, wholesale porter or watchman; best of refs. Call or write A. B., 2609 Hereford st.

MAN—Sit. wanted by industrious young man; store or office work preferred; good experience in hardware and groceries; reliable; best references. Add. George Haas, 915 Benton st., city.

MAN—Sit. wanted by first-class advertiser with reliable house. Ad. B 39, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Exp. man of ability wants a position as bookkeeper or private secretary; best of references given. Address L 40, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by young man of 20; willing to work; wages no object. Ad. ... 44, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by middle-aged man; neat, clean, good habits and character, yet in position, but who can't do hard work; wants that work of any kind; small pay. Ad. T 44, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. wanted by middle-aged German; can do everything around house and stable. Ad. J. Sanders, 4533 Garfield av.

MAN—Sit. wanted by a young colored man; attend to horses, cow, furnace, etc. Ad. L 42, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Steady work wanted by young man of ..., willing to do any kind of honest work; best city refs. Ad. O 42, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Position wanted in any business house, office, hotel, restaurant, by well-educated young man of 19; wholesale house preferred. Ad. O 44, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by bright, active and industrious man, aged 30; German; speaks good English; desires work of any kind or position where can advance. Ad. ... 44, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Quiet, sober man wants sit.; to work around place, tend furnace, etc.; best ref. Add. K 36, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. of any kind by young man who has had 1 year's exp. in grocery. Ad. D 23, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. wanted by colored man (bright), as janitor or porter; good letters and city refs. Ad. 2812 Adams st.

MAN—Situation wanted by young man; handy at carpenter's or tinner's work; can also run furnace; work for board and room for winter, references. Address X 45, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by young man in grocery store; willing to do any kind of work. Ad. 2402 S. Broadway.

PAINTER and paperhanger wants steady work; will work cheap. Ad. L 41, Post-Dispatch.

...—Sit. wanted by colored man as porter or any kind of work; refs. if needed from last place. Ad. D 45, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER—Situation wanted by a well-educated young man of 20 in office or warehouse; have experience as stenographer and typewriter; best references. Ad. W. Valentine, 1401 Locust st.

STENOGRAPHER—Position wanted as stenographer and typewriter; can furnish references from college. Ad. E. N. Takes, 5850 Pave av., city.

SURGEON—Position wanted by graduate veterinary surgeon as superintendent of stock farm or manager of stable. Ad. Box 117, Walker, Mo.

WATCHMAN—Position wanted as watchman by reliable man; has had experience and can give good recommendations. Ad. E 40, Post-Dispatch.

$2.50 UP—Pants to order. Meritz Tailoring Co., 215-217 N. 8th st., near Olive.

$10.00 UP—Suits and overcoats to order. Meritz Tailoring Co., 215-217 N. 8th st.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

14 words or less 10c.
Business announcements, 10c per line.

AGENTS WANTED—Several gentlemen or ladies to travel; straight salary and expenses; permanent position; references; inclose self-addressed stamped envelope. A. J. Munson, editor, 354 Dearborn st., Chicago.

BARBER WANTED—Good barber for Saturday and Sunday. 828 N. 9th st.

BARBER WANTED—Good; Saturday and Sunday. 1852 Cass av.

BARBER WANTED—First-class, colored, for Saturday and Sunday. 4837 Fountain av.

BARBER WANTED—First-class. Grand Av. Hotel.

BOY WANTED—Colored boy, 18 or 20, to work in kitchen and housework; reference required. 2912 Washington av.

BOYS WANTED—To try Harris' $1.98 shoes; made for good wear. 520 Pine st.

BOYS WANTED—Two strong boys for heavy work. Apply Monday, 10 a. m., 1116 N. 7th st.

CARPENTERS WANTED—Carpenters and car builders at Missouri Car and Foundry Company, Madison, Ill.

CLOTHING—Bargains in uncalled for and misfit garments; a season's accumulation from our 12 ... stores; pants, $2 up; suits, $8 up. Nicoll, the tailor, 715 Olive st.

...ERS WANTED—On string team; ladies' ... Call 1915½ Biddle st.

... WANTED—Good all-around line man; one familiar with the Wood and T. H. arc system, Westinghouse and Ft. Wayne Alternating system; ... exp. and lowest salary; married or single. ... Lock Box 179, Honey Grove, Texas.

... WANTED—A German man for house and ... work; must have good refs. Ad. W 41, Post-Dispatch.

MAN WANTED—Young man to learn plastering trade. Call or ad. R. E. Schooley, Madison, Ill.

MAN WANTED—Home to good man; to work around house; ref. 352 Spring av.

MEN WANTED—Young men to learn the barber trade; call and see how we teach the trade in 8 weeks and furnish positions or start you in business; seats for 500 visitors; our catalogue explains all; mailed free. Moler Barber College, 1107 Pine.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED—Light and easy work; $2 a day. P. O. Box 536, Cincinnati, O.

MULEMAN WANTED—A good muleman to sell mules in one of the Southern States for a dealer ... best of references given and required. Ad. ... 38, Post-Dispatch.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

20 words or less 5c.

CUTTER AND FITTER—... a few more engagements in families ... first-class cutter and fitter. 2924 Olive st.

FORELADY—Wanted, position by experienced forelady to take charge of fitting-room in shoe factory. Ad. X 34, Post-Dispatch.

GIRL—Sit. wanted by girl of 14 to assist with housework. 3125 O...

GIRL—Sit. wanted by neat colored girl, 22 years old, to do general housework, washing, ironing and plain cooking; prefers place in small family; wants reasonable wages and good home. Send postal to ... Wright, 100 E. Prairie av.

HOUSEGIRL—A ... woman wants sit. in private family; ... and housework; call 2 days. 2115 Franklin ... rear.

HOUSEWORK—... wanted in small private family; cook, wash and iron; is a good worker. Ad. C. W., 12.. Morgan st.

HOUSEKEEPER—Woman wants sit. as housekeeper; ... family or widower's home. Call 3039 Dic... st.

HOUSEKEEPER—Sit. wanted by widow as working housekeeper; German; fine refs. 3215 Cottage ...

LADY—... lady desires a position for general office ...; 1st-class penman. Ad. N 43, Post-Dispatch.

LAUNDRESS—Situation wanted by first-class ..., desires work at once. references if ... Ad. 3965 Easton av.

LAUNDRESS—Situation wanted as laundress, by ... Ad. 2120 Wash st., upstairs.

NURSE—Good confinement nurse wishes engagement; best refs.; will work very reas. Ad. ...e, Drug Store, cor. Pelt and Ridge avs.

NURSE—Situation wanted by young, healthy woman as nurse. Apply at Emergency Home, 2808 Morgan.

NURSE—Situation wanted by experienced nurse; city refs. Call or ad. 825 South Sixth st.

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Castings and repairs furnished for any stove or range made. J. Forsbaw, 111 N. 12th st.

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COOK WANTED—First-class. S. e. cor. Maryland and Taylor avs.

COOK WANTED—German cook. 3624 Pine st.

COOK WANTED—Good colored cook, at boarding house, 2930 Washington av.; apply at once.

COOK WANTED—1st-class colored cook; at once; one that understands her business. 3743 Delmar.

DISHWASHER WANTED—Female; 705 Pine st.

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GIRL WANTED—Girl for light housework and to take care of children. 3663 Laclede av.

GIRL WANTED—Girl, 16 to 18, to nurse child or general housework. 1422 St. Ange av.

GIRL WANTED—White girl for general housework; small family. 215 Sarah st.

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GIRLS WANTED—W. machine and hand-sewers on coats. 2001 Angelrodt st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework in family of three; refs. required. 3731 Laclede av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Experienced housegirl at 5527 Waterman av., first house west of Union av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. 1368 Burd av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl in small family; sleep home. 2710 Eads av., after 6:30 p. m.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good German girl for general housework; small family. 4016 Forest Park bl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl for cooking and general housework; no outside work; family of 3; good wages. 4235 Lindell av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good girl for general housework. 5162 Kensington av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Middle-aged white woman to do general housework; small family; wages $1.75 a week; call. 4123 Clayton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Woman for general housework; family of 3. 2950 Easton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. 2820 Washington av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—1305 Grattan st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl to cook and assist in housework; no washing or ironing. 4322 West Belle pl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; good cook and laundress. 3918 Cook.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Woman for general housework. 722 Carr st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. 1819 Carr st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Colored girl to do general housework. 809 N. 15th st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. 3512 S. Broadway.

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HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for 1 month; general housework; no washing or ironing; ref. required; wages $15. 4117 Washington av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl for general housework; fam. of 3. 1719 N. Taylor av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 4801 Cote Brilliante av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; come ready for work. 1931 Olive st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl to cook, wash and iron; ref. req.; apply at once. 3.2. Bel...

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Woman or girl for housework; fam. of 3; good home; small wages. 1312 St. Ange av.

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WOMAN WANTED—Woman to take care of physician's office. 925 Bent av.

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14 words or less 20c.

AGENTS WANTED—3 news agents on railroad; today. Call or address 33 S. 20th st. Van Noy R. R. News Co.

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BON-BON—Lost, silver-gilt bonbon, with red stone. Return to 4272 Washington bl., and receive reward.

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DOG—Lost or stolen, Christmas, male Yorkshire terrier; both ears and tail cropped; answers by the name of Butler. A handsome reward if return same to 2129 Pine st.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS WANTED.

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FURNITURE WANTED—2d-Hand fur., stoves, carpets bought at res. or stores. Gibson, 2217 Wash.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE.

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14 words or less 10c.

BEAUMONT ST., 818 N.—Neatly furnished room; $1 per week; private family.

CASS AV., 2513—Unfurnished south front room, with use of bath; $5 month.

CHAMBERS ST., 1112—Neatly furnished rooms.

COOK AV., 3414—One furnished room, with all conveniences.

EASTON AV., 3005—2d-story and connecting room; gas, bath and all convs.; reasonable.

EIGHTH ST., 1509 S.—3 large, well-lighted rooms, 2d floor; side entrance; front yard; $9.

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OLIVE ST., 2806—Well-furnished front parlor; also rooms for housekeeping; hot bath.

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OLIVE ST., 1502—Clean and comfortable furnished rooms; no light housekeeping; mod. terms.

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OLIVE ST., 3646—Nicely fur. room; furnace heat and hot water.

JEFFERSON AV., 1006 N.—2d-story front room, furnished or unfurnished; to couple.

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PINE ST., 1311—Nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping and roomers; $1 per week and up.

PINE ST., 1303—Nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping and roomers; $1 per week and up.

PINE ST., 1406—Nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping and roomers; $1 per week and up.

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ROOMS WANTED—3 unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping, for adults; state price and location. Ad. N 45, Post-Dispatch.

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ROOM AND BOARD WANTED—Middle-aged gentleman will pay good price for strictly first-class accommodations and home comforts in private family; west of Garrison av.; no boarding house. Ad. C 44, Post-Dispatch.

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FOR SALE—Ten R I P A N S for 5 cents at druggists; one gives relief.

MASQUERADE SUITS—For sale; for ladies only. Apply 627 Converse av., East St. Louis.

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SOLDIERS ASPHYXIATED.

One Member of the Ninth Illinois Dead and Another Ill.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 31.—Col. Vifquain and the two remaining battalions of the Third Nebraska Volunteers embarked on the Michigan to-day for Cuba.

Col. J. R. Campbell of the Ninth Illinois loaded his wagons and stock on the Michigan this morning. The regiment is expected to sail to-morrow or Monday on the Mobile. A handsome sword was presented to Col. Campbell last night by the officers and men of his regiment. There was a large gathering in front of his tent when the presentation was made by Maj. Spencer.

Corporal Marshall Williams of Company F, Ninth Illinois, is dead, and his companion, Corporal James Newman, is at the Savannah Hospital in a critical condition. Early yesterday morning the men called at a resort and asked for lodging, saying they were on provost duty and it was too late to enter camp. The proprietress stated that Williams and Newman were drinking. After acceding to their request nothing more was thought of them until noon, when the occupants of the house smelled gas escaping from the basement room in which the two soldiers had gone to sleep. When the door was broken open a large volume of gas escaped from the room. Messages were dispatched to the Coroner and officers of the regiment. Upon their arrival Williams was pronounced dead. Corporal Newman was in a precarious condition. Williams' remains will be forwarded to his home for burial. An inquest was held at the office of the Coroner.

SHERMAN WILL BE FAIR.

Illinois Speakership Candidate Declares His Intentions if Elected.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.—The solons of Illinois are gathering at the capitol and by to-night something definite may develop in the speakership contest.

Judge Lawrence of Sherman, the generally accredited administration candidate, has been detained in Chicago. He has issued a letter to the representatives setting forth his views on the various State questions and promising all members a "square deal" on the floor should he be elected Speaker.

W. C. Guffin, another candidate for Speaker's honors and the only aspirant here, has opened his headquarters at the Leland Hotel. He denies that he is fighting Gov. Tanner.

John A. Reeves of Decatur is a candidate for Clerk of the House, and James H. Paddock of this city expects to be Secretary of the Senate.

Capt. Edward Harlan of Marshall, doorkeeper of the last House, is seeking reelection.

CHANGES AT QUINCY.

General Rearrangement of the Local Burlington Force.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 31.—Changes will be made in the local force of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. F. O. Reed, the local freight agent, will be succeeded by C. A. Andrews of Galesburg. Mr. Reed will have charge of the claim department in the office in this city. Richard Moore, night ticket agent at the depot, will be night train dispatcher at the switch house. Mr. Moore will be succeeded by J. H. Mulligan of Peoria, who was in charge of the ticket office there until the "Q." went into the new union depot.

Frank Beckwith, the resident engineer of the road, will leave Quincy in about two weeks for Burlington, where he will have charge of the road's work in Iowa.

THE YEAR AT JOLIET.

Warden's Report Shows Expenses Were Greater Than Earnings.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.—The report of Warden R. W. McClaughrey of the Joliet penitentiary shows the earnings the last year were about $50,000 in excess of those of the previous year, while the expenses were decreased $26,000. The cost of running the prison is approximately $310,000 a year, while the earnings fall fully $100,000 below this sum. The number of inmates is given at 1,... males and 70 females. Stone cutting, harness making, saddle making, cigar making and knitting have been discontinued.

BRIDGE JURY DISAGREED.

Streator Bribery Case Will Have to Go to Another Trial.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 31.—The jury in the Lafayette Bridge Co.'s case against the city of Streator for the recovery of $24,000, the contract price of the bridge over the Vermillion River, disagreed last night. It was out 27 hours and stood seven to five in favor of the ... from the first ballot.

The jurymen who voted for the city held that bribery had been proven, and that the company could not recover, while the other jurymen contended that the bridge was in place and should be paid for.

DEADLOCK AT ARCOLA.

Supervisors Cannot Select a New School Superintendent.

ARCOLA, Ill., Dec. 31.—The Supervisors of Douglas County are in a deadlock over the appointment of a County Superintendent of Schools to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Thomas Wells a few days ago. The board is equally divided politically. The matter has been under consideration for four days.

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…CHIL…

…NIGHTS OF PYTHIAS THEIR WIVES …CHILDREN.

…HRISTMAS TREE.

…lies Know All That Is …ving About the Mys… …of the Society.

…e wives and children of …ias in St. Louis who feel …nearly all that is worth Pythian secrets. They have …of a Pythian lodge-room. …the wives and children of the …of Red Cross Lodge No. 54. They …into the lodge-room at the corner …and Locust streets, and saw …husbands and fathers presumptively, …pass many of their evenings. …embers of Red Cross Lodge, when …e been moved to be sociable and …the past, have always given stag …

…It was suggested a few weeks ago …lodge have some sort of a holiday …on a timid member wanted to …hy it wouldn't be a good thing to …ome joy for the folks at home, es… …the young folks.

…thought it would not be wise to …he awesomeness of the lodge room …mitting the non-elect to cross the …ld, but they were voted down.

…s arranged to give a Christmas tree …tertainment for the children. It was …Friday night.

…ree was something gorgeous. The …ched the ceiling. It sparkled with tiny …lights, and the branches bent be… …loads of beautiful ornaments. …password and the grip and the other …paraphernalia were locked up out of …and the members were crowded to …ll, where they stood two deep. …rogramme of 15 numbers was con… …d by the Senior Mandolin Club, Athol …er, Jr., Harry Claudy, Harry Finck, …Eisenberg, Charles Fenwick, Alice …R. A. Bacon, Robert and Stevens …ck and Santa Claus. The part played …e latter consisted in the distribution …ndies, nuts and oranges.

…only thing secret about the affair …the identity of Santa Claus and an… …member who impersonated a German …lian and belabored Santa Claus with a …to the infinite delight of the young-…

…s probable that every time a member …d Cross Lodge puts on his coat during …go to the lodge his whole family …nsist on going along.

…EPARED FOR FIELD SERVICE.

…re Troops Ordered to Proceed With Haste to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Orders have been issued for the dispatch of additional troops to Cuba to assist in the maintenance of good government there. The orders are addressed to Major General H. J. Wilson, commanding the First Army Corps with headquarters at Macon, Ga. The Secretary of War directs that the headquarters of that corps, originally fixed at Cienfuegos, Cuba, be changed to Matanzas, and that Gen. Wilson with his headquarters and the Eighth Massachusetts, 160th Indiana and Third Kentucky Volunteer Infantry be put in readiness for transportation to Cuba, fully armed and equipped for field service and supplied with thirty days' rations and forage in addition to that required for the journey.

In a subsequent order Gen. Wilson was directed to proceed with his headquarters and equipment from Macon to Savannah in time to embark on the transport Panama. The Eighth Massachusetts and Third Kentucky will embark from Savannah on transports to be provided and the 160th Indiana …proceed to Charleston, one battalion …the Saloga… …their regiment to …

…STARVING.

…d Cross Reports …n Asylum.

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…mber 24 at Guana… …the hospital in …s Barton for or… …he found a num… …terally starving. …2 years old. He …playthings, such …suggesting that …her children to… …starve them to …

…FORGERY.

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Frank A. Parker …y parents, is un… …forgery. Capt. …ker and Walter …ks ago, are the …has ever met. …ture forged to a …the Germania… …the signature of …ealers, at No. 72 …was no difficulty …fied. …k at the jewelry …teenth street and …goods worth $400 …check in pay… …nt down to the …to be good, but …ioned Dixon took …rest of the other …

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…t suit against …James Sauer to …eges, is the bal… …fdants for con… …at Flad and …

INSPIRATION IN DOLLARS.

…J. Bryan's Characterization …e Idea of Expansion.

L… Neb., Dec. 31.—At the compli… …eption and banquet to Col. W. J. … tendered last night by the Nebras… …eling Men's Bryan Club at the Linc… …tel, 250 invited admirers of Mr. Bryan w… with few exceptions, present. The only notable absentee was Congressman Bailey of Texas, who was to have responded to the toast "Democracy," but who telegraphed from Washington his inability to be present. Mr. Bryan responded to the sentiment, "America's Mission; Let Not the Crime of the East E'er Crimson Thy Name, Be Freedom and Science and Virtue Thy Fame."

After commending the members of the club for their fidelity to the Chicago platform, Mr. Bryan proceeded to discuss the Philippine question. He insisted that the colonial policy was wrong in principle and unwise, and he predicted that it would prove unprofitable in practice. He said in part:

"You have labored diligently to prevent foreign financiers from disregarding the rights of the American people, now you are called upon to use your influence to prevent the American people from disregarding the rights of others. Self-restraint is a difficult virtue to practice. It has been the boast of our nation that right makes right. Shall we abandon the motto of the republic, and go back a century to the monarchical motto which asserts that might makes right?

"Imperialism finds the inspiration in dollars, not in duty. It is not our duty to burden our people with increased taxes in order to give a few speculators an opportunity for exploitation; it is not our duty to sacrifice the best blood of our nation in tropical jungles in an attempt to stifle the very sentiments which have given vitality to American institutions. Our nation has a mission, but it is to liberate those who are in bondage—not to place shackles upon those who are struggling to be free.

"We rejoice in the marvelous victory won by Dewey in Manila Bay; we would give to him a sacred place in history and crown his memory with blessings. To us he is a hero; to the Filipinos he can be a savior. Let him be known to posterity not as a subjugator of an alien race, but as a redeemer of an oppressed people."

NO PRIVATE CABLE TO HAWAII.

One Concession Withdrawn in Order That There May Be Federal Control.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hay has disapproved the Scrymser Hawaiian cable concession, granting exclusive cable rights to land cables in Hawaii for 20 years to the Pacific Cable Co. of New York.

Secretary Hay stated to his colleagues in the Cabinet meeting that the Hawaiian Commissioners had sent him a formal letter, declaring that, in their opinion, control of the Hawaiian cable should remain in the hands of the United States, even if not built by it as the Commission would recommend, and that no private company should have a monopoly in the matter. Practically the entire Cabinet coincided in this view, and when the subject was dropped it was with the understanding that Secretary Hay would disapprove of the concession.

Two corporations are striving for permission to construct a cable between San Francisco, Guam, Wake Island and the Philippines. One is the Pacific Cable Co. of New York, the other the Pacific Cable Co. of New Jersey. The first one owns the Scrymser concession. Its capital stock is $10,000,000 and its chief stockholders are J. P. Morgan, J. S. Bowdoin, J. Kennedy Tod, J. A. Scrymser, H. S. Leroy and Charles D. Wetmore. The other is under control of Col. Z. S. Spalding, who lives in Hawaii. Associated with him are A. S. Hewitt, D. O. Mills, Gen. D. Dodge, Gen. F. D. Grant, Gen. Wager Swayne, J. J. Hill, J. H. Brown and M. W. Tyler.

FOR PHILIPPINE CABLES.

Government Will Connect the Group's More Important Islands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Cable communication is to be established between the more important Philippine Islands. Gen. Greeley has arranged to connect Luzon, Masbate, Cebu and Leyte.

This will require nearly 300 miles of deep sea cable. The cable machinery will weigh over 700 tons and for its transportation and laying a ship especially fitted for cable work will be necessary. It is expected that the ship will leave New York about Feb. 1 and proceed to Manila through the Suez Canal. The different cables should be laid and in working order by the end of April.

BOTH PRETENDERS ALERT.

Victor Napoleon and Duc d'Orleans Are Anxious for Action.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, whose dispatch this morning deals at great length with the Royalists' hopes and chances, says:

"Both Prince Victor Napoleon and Duc d'Orleans are burning to be up and doing. Should an opportunity present itself it is not impossible that the two pretenders might attempt to appear at the same moment. The authorities, however, are exercising the utmost vigilance along the sea coasts and the land frontiers."

FIGHTING ON A LINER.

Six Men Wounded in a Mysterious Disturbance Aboard the St. Paul.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 31.—A shooting affray occurred on board the American liner steamer St. Paul, Capt. Jamison, which left New York on Dec. 23 for this port and which arrived here yesterday. The origin of the disturbance is not known, but five members of the crew were shot and one stabbed. They are now in the hospital on board the ship. Their injuries are not serious. One arrest has been made.

ITALIAN SEAMEN IN TROUBLE.

They Cause a Riot in Chili and Twenty of Them Are Wounded.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 31.—Letters received from Punta Arena announce that serious riots have occurred there between the sailors of the Italian cruiser Piemonte and the Chilian warship Casma. About 20 men were wounded. The national guard was called to arms to reestablish order. The rioters were arrested and put at the disposition of their respective commanders.

Marriage Surprise to Friends.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

ELSBERRY, Mo., Dec. 31.—James Wilkinson and Miss Myrtle Finley eloped to Pleasant Hill, Ill., yesterday and will be married this afternoon at the home of the bride's sister. The wedding will be a surprise to the friends of both parties.

MARRIAGES DEATHS

…S.

…7 S. Beaumont st
…Carbondale, Ill.
…North Market st
…Washington, Mo.
…126 E. Whittier st
…126 E. Whittier st
…ast St. Louis, Ill.
…1011 Wash st
…1905 Obear av
…2106 E. Warne av
…934 N. Seventh st
…1209 N. Ninth st
…1400 Elliot av
…3537 Cass av
…3744 Westminster
…3162 School st
…Valley Park, Mo.
…Valley Park, Mo.
…1920 Geyer av
…1920 Geyer av
…2918 Hickory st
…2610 Eads av
…272 Patterson av
…222 Patterson av

BIRTHS.

John and Rose Nolan, 5234 Cheltenham; girl—Mary.
Ferdinand and Alvina Kaiser, 2524 North Fourteenth; girl.
Geo. and Letty Winderle, 1410 Salisbury; girl—Hilda.
S. W. and Ida J. Eslinger, 1019 South Tenth.
Geo. and Myra Naudain, 5046 Horton pl.
Louis and Lydia Sitterman, 2248 Montgomery.
Wm. and Mary Godejohn, 4321 De Soto; boy—Frank W.
Wm. H. and Helen Carter, 4445 North Market; boy.
Robert and Minnie Shaw, 3158 North Eleventh; boy—Frank.

DEATHS.

Earl Shelton, 1, 1900 Sheridan; pneumonia.
Geo. W. Davis, 32, Jefferson and Chestnut; rupture.
Harry Verges, 1, 7905 Pennsylvania; bronchitis.
Helena Wilkens, 74, 2808 Magnolia; debility.
D. Schumacher, 42, 2818 N. Twenty-first; debility.
Walter …ore, 61, Poorhouse; paraplegia.
Herman Mencke, 43, 2828 Lexington; pneumonia.
Jake …, 32, 1702 South Eleventh; gunshot wound.
Josh… …, 76, Belleville, Ill.; pneumonia.

THE MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.

The following review of the markets came from Schwartz, Dupee & Co., by private wire to Oswald Graves this morning:

The old year closes on a strong and healthy set of markets, the new enters full of promise. Within the week prices have averaged higher, a good shipping and speculative business has been done, and it is very clear we have fairly entered upon that era of prosperity we have read and heard so much about within the last several months. This hardening of values has thus far not been spasmodic, but rather natural and real, because there is something extremely legitimate behind it—a demand never exceled, if equaled, when taken in its entirety. Exports for the week, 6,300,000 bu of wheat and flour as wheat; for the month of December they will crowd 27,000,000 bu closely, the largest in our history, while for the calendar year they will reach the very liberal aggregate of 22…,000,000 bu. This is 51,000,000 bu greater than in 1897, 66,000,000 bu greater than in 1896, 90,000,000 bu greater than in 1895, and 76,000,000 bu greater than in 1894. Corn exports for the week were 4,…60,000 bu; for the month about 16,000,000, and for the calendar year, about 203,000,000 bu, the largest known. This is 14,000,000 bu greater than in 1897, 70,000,000 bu greater than in 1896, 142,000,000 bu greater than in 189…, and 160,000,000 bu greater than in 1894. The aggregate exports for the calendar year, it will be noted, have been 424,000,000 bu of wheat, flour and corn. Wheat has advanced about 8c per bu in the face of heavy liquidation or profit-taking on the part of long speculative holders. Buying of futures has been on a liberal scale by both home and foreign traders. Shipments are much retarded by the inability of the transportation companies to furnish cars, a wonderful condition of affairs when we contemplate the enormous rolling stock capacity, and tells us very plainly business … almost, if not quite, extraordinary. It must … to thus absorb all the carrying capacity of … railroads. First-hand marketing keeps right along … ually fall off, while consumption rather than increasing, and stocks are diminishing … smallest of grain in consequence, and are … seen for years. Men who … the aggregate they have … record of ocean exchange claim to have seen the … first three months … ments for grain for … is very long one which 1899 assure us that … keep up on a liberal scale … suggests exports are … shipping relatively little in … Other countries are … America. Shippers assert they … comparison with … wheat, over 2,000,000 bu are over 1,000,000 … oats, 150,000 bu of rye, all corn, 750,000 of … transportation to the seaboard. sold and awaiting … and Chicago are expected to … Minneapolis, Duluth … wheat stocks for the week, Buffalo show a gain in … seaboards a loss. Last year there … falo and the se… the visible of 2,200,000 bu; this was a gain in … so will be a small one, if any. year the increase … active and buoyant under good Corn continues … speculative and shipping, while exports demand, specu… heavy. New crop arrivals continue keep up very … poorly. Oats also continue to be to grade rather … by exporters, and the market keeps taken freely … wheat and corn. Receipts are not strong with … products continue to attract much heavy. Hog … attention and are gradually moving up… general … price with a large and broad speculative ward in … doing. The consumptive demand lessened business … by the holiday season. This is a usual somewhat … occurrence. Hog receipts are running quite heavy; more this December than in any other. The advance in corn tends to hasten marketing, as does the colder weather, hogs taking on little fat with the thermometer around zero. The general outlook is certainly most propitious.

Total clearances: Wheat and flour, 727,000 bu; corn, 851,000 bu; oats, 135,000 bu.

Chicago receipts: Car lots—Wheat, 154; contract, 8. Corn, 541; contract, 76. Oats, 212; contract, 24.

Private wire to J. W. Sanford: There is the possibility of a very large decrease in the visible and certain to be more or less decrease if the 3,500,000 bu wheat afloat at Buffalo starts east.

J. F. Harris of Chicago wires J. W. Sanford as follows: "Pit conditions seem to predominate wheat market for time being, as lower cables seem to have little or no effect. Crowd runs easy either way on any appearance of large orders. Europe continues to buy and on present scale farmers hold back their wheat. Do not see prospects of lower prices just at present. There seems to be good supply of corn around 39c for sale."

The weather map shows cold weather north, a high barometer, generally clear, 20 and 30 degrees below in Minnesota and the Dakotas, 6 to 22 degrees below in Nebraska and Iowa, 6 to 10 degrees below in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Bradstreet's exports of wheat and flour from both coasts for the week, 6,292,625 bu, against 5,515,231 bu last week and 5,395,000 a year ago; corn exports, 3,660,000 bu, against 4,104,000 the previous week and 4,087,000 same week a year ago.

Exports of wheat and flour from July 1 to date, 120,985,065 bu, compared with 127,657,583 bu same period a year ago, a decrease of 6,672,518 bu.

Private cable reports estimate now for 50,000,000 bu Argentine exportable wheat surplus. Owing to small premium on gold, do not look for over 20,000,000 bu of it to reach Europe before July 1.

Counselman & Co., Chicago, report 25,000 bu wheat sold for export and Bartlett, Frazier & Co. report 40,000 bue corn so'd for export.

Private wire to Ben S. Lang: Chicago—Dakota banker and elevator owner says: "Our 1898 wheat crop is mostly marketed, though not sold. We have loaned on elevator receipts to farmers at nearly every station in this county, and I think total not far from $300,000. This, of course, is but a small amount of the total held in this way. Elevator concerns sold cash wheat and are either short or bought May against sales. There is not as large an amount left in farmers' hands as one would suppose from large crop raised."

Private wire to Ben S. Lang: Grain receipts in Chicago in 1898: Flour, 3,100,000 bbls; '97, 4,175,000 bbls. Wheat, 45,000,000 bu; '97, 41,500,000 bu. Corn, 125,000,000 bu; '97, 122,500,000 bu. Oats, 124,000,000; '97, 122,900,000 bu. Gain in 1898 over 1897: Flour, 925,000 bbls; wheat, 3,500,000 bu; corn, 2,500,000 bu; oats, 1,100,000 bu.

The Northwestern Miller estimates that the heavy product of Minneapolis mills in 1897, which surpassed all former totals, will be exceeded by about 500,000 bbls, giving figures as 14,200,000 bbls for the year, as against 13,635,000 bbls in 1897. There have been only three months when output was not over 1,000,000 bbls.

Bradstreet's—This week: Wheat and flour, 6,292,625 bu; corn, 3,659,745 bu. Last week: Wheat, 5,515,231 bu; corn, 4,103,673 bu. Year ago: Wheat, 5,395,061 bu; corn, 4,086,866 bu.

Northwest receipts—This week, 3,922 cars; last week, 3,123 cars; year ago, 2,325 cars.

Closing cables:

Liverpool—Wheat closed easy, ⅛@¼d lower. Corn quiet, ⅜d lower.

Paris—Wheat closed unchanged to 10 cms higher; flour 10@15 cms higher.

Antwerp—Wheat closed 12½ cms higher.

Stocks of Grain in St. Louis Elevators.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Year Ago.
Wheat	1,529,225	1,560,578	2,496,203
Corn	325,241	307,300	3,433,498
Oats	167,559	157,213	317,226
Rye	6,329	6,329	97,150
Barley	12,603	12,603	3,157
No. 2 red wheat	168,499	168,499	1,908,144
No. 2 hard	313,224	335,641	165,262
No. 2 mixed corn	118,288	100,677	2,651,936
No. 2 hard	141,329	130,321	417,154
No. 2 mixed oats	28,275	27,026	19,508
No. 2 white	22,231	22,231	40,369
No. 2 rye	2,797	2,797	75,754

Movements of Grain.

PLACE.	Wheat. Rec.	Wheat. Ship.	Corn. Rec.	Corn. Ship.
St. Louis	20,518	94,290	33,910	147,830
Chicago	197,750	103,190	365,812	91,059
Toledo	35,983	5,500	49,400	59,000
Detroit	7,400	561	5,000	12,451
Kansas City	Closed.	......	......	......
Milwaukee	69,950	48,750	39,000	1,330
Minneapolis	307,100	52,140	70,500	12,600
Duluth	115,825	64,429	14,482	......

Flour Movement.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
St. Louis	4,720	13,775
Chicago	30,107	59,877
Toledo	......	......
Detroit	900	300
Kansas City	......	......
Milwaukee	750	9,210
Minneapolis	......	55,388

Regular Cash Market Prices.

(At Daily Official Call.)

WHEAT.	To-day.	Yest'rday.	Year Ago.*
No. 2 red	72½@73 b	*72½b	......
No. 3 red	......	......	......
No. 4	†66 b	†66 b	......
CORN.			
No. 2	37 a	x36½b	......
No. 2 white	37 a	......	......
No. 3	......	......	......
OATS.			
No. 2	28 b	28 b	......
No. 3	27½b	**27½b	......
No. 4	27 b	**27½b	......

*Exchange closed.
* A. V. † F. x Burlington. ** East Side.

Sample Market Prices.

WHEAT.	To-day.	Yesterday.
No. 2 red	74 @74½	73 @74
No. 3 red	70 @72½	70 @72
No. 4 red	64 @69	65 @69
Rejected	45 @60	45 @60
No. 2 hard	67 @68	67 @68
No. 3 hard	65 @67½	66 @67
No. 2 spring	66 @67	66 @67
CORN.		
No. 2 white	37 @37¼	37
No. 2 mixed	37½	37
No. 3 mixed	32 @34	31 @34
No. 4 new	31 @32	31 @32
Ear corn	35	34 @35

OATS.

No. 2		28
No. 2 Northern	28½	28½@28½
No. 2 white	30 a	30 a
No. 3 white	29½@29¾	29½@29¾
No. 4 white	29	29
No. 3 mixed	27½@28	27¾
No. 4 mixed	27 @27½	27

Future Prices.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest To-day.	Lowest To-day.	Closing To-day.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	73½n	74½a	72½b	74½a
May	75⅜@75½	76	75	75⅝b
July	68⅞b	69⅝	69 b	69½
CORN.				
Dec.	36½a	36½a	36¼a	36¼a
May	36⅞b	37	36⅝	36¾
OATS.				
Dec.				
May	28⅛n	28⅜@28⅜	28⅛b	28⅜@28⅜

CHICAGO—Reported by Gaylord, Blessing & Co.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest To-day.	Lowest To-day.	Closing To-day.
WHEAT.				
May	71⅝	72¼	71¼	71⅞@71⅞
CORN.				
May	38⅜	38½	37⅞@38	38⅛b
OATS.				
May	28¼	28⅜	28⅛	28⅛@28⅜
PORK.				
May	$10.57½	$10.67½	$10.55	10.55@57½
LARD.				
May	5.82½	5.92½	5.85	5.90
RIBS.				
May	5.20@22½	5.27½	5.20	5.22½

CHICAGO CLOSE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Dec., 68½c; Jan., 68⅝c n; May, 71⅜@71⅞c s; July, 69⅝@69⅞c. Corn—Dec., 37¼c s; Jan., 36⅞c; May, 38⅛c b; July, 38⅜c s. Oats—Dec., 26½c; May, 28⅛@28⅜c; July, 26⅝c b. Flax—Northwest, $1.18; Dec., $1.13¼; May, $1.16½.

CURB MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—1 p. m.—May wheat, 75⅝c b; puts, 74⅞c; calls, 77⅛c. Nothing done in corn.

Chicago—May wheat, 71⅞@72c; puts, 70⅞c b; calls, 73⅛c. May corn puts, 37⅞c b; calls, 38⅛c b.

WHEAT.

Early indications were for a lower market. Liverpool cables were disappointing, the market not only failing to respond to our advance, but closing ⅛@¼d lower on wheat and ⅜d lower on corn, due, it is said, to lower ocean freight rates. In accordance with cables, markets on this side opened a trifle lower, but there was a quick recovery in the first hour, all markets going above yesterday's close, with St. Louis leading the firmness, December gaining 1c, due to a little local shortage, May ⅜@½c and July 1c.

Receipts of wheat at primary points to-day were 782,000 bu, and shipments, 368,000 bu.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day were 508 cars, compared with 509 cars same date last year.

Receipts of wheat at St. Louis to-day were 20,518 bu; of these 719 sacks and 19 cars were local.

Spot grades—On call 72½c A. V. and 73c Consolidated were the bids on No. 2; offered regular at 74c; 66c bid Farmers' for No. 2 hard, and No. 3 red offered at 63c regular. In the sample market prices were unchanged to ½c higher.

Local pit range:

December opened at 72½c b, offered at 74½c and closed at 74½c a.

May opened at 75c, rose rapidly to 75⅝c, ranged to 75⅜c, dropped to 75⅛@75¼c, rose to 76c, declined to 75½@75⅝c, and the rest of the day ranged between that and 75⅝c, closing at 75⅝c b.

July opened at 69c b, advanced to 69½c and closed at 69½c.

CORN.

The market opened ⅛c off and was fairly steady all day, closing at the opening price for both December and May, unchanged for December and ⅛c lower for May.

Receipts of corn at primary points to-day were 542,000 bu and shipments, 315,000 bu.

Receipts of corn at St. Louis to-day were 33,910 bu; of these 364 sacks and 30 cars were local.

Spot grades—On call No. 2 mixed and white were offered regular at 37c; no bids. In the sample market yesterday's prices were fully maintained.

Local pit range:

December opened at 36¼c a and closed at that.

May opened at 36¾c a, advanced to 37c, ranged down to 36⅞c, declined to 36⅝c and advanced at the close to 36¾c.

OATS.

The market opened dull at ⅛c below yesterday's close and with very little doing, closed a fraction higher in sympathy with Chicago.

Receipts of oats at primary points to-day were 393,000 bu; shipments, 188,000 bu.

Receipts of oats at St. Louis to-day were 39,600 bu. Of these 29 cars were local.

Spot grades—On call, 28c was bid for No. 2, offered at 28½c; 27½c bid for No. 3, and 27c for No. 4. Samples were about steady at yesterday's prices.

Local pit range:

Dec. was neglected entirely.

May opened at 28½c b, advanced to 28⅝@⅞c and closed at 28¾@⅞c.

RYE.

At the call 54½c was bid for No. 2. In the sample market 55c was bid East track.

BARLEY.

Market steady; fancy Minnesota quoted at 53c; 44@47c for choice and down to 38c for medium.

FLOUR AND FEED.

FLOUR—Market dull, but steady; some inquiry, both domestic and export, but trade light.

Patents	$3 40@3 55
Straights	3 00@3 15
Clears	2 50@2 80
Low and medium grades	2 00@2 25
Pearl meal, hominy and grits	1 85@1 90
Cornmeal	1 55@1 60
Rye flour	3 00@3 10

BRAN—Market firm and higher, with fair demand, at 58c E. trk. and at mill.

HAY.

Receipts, 365 tons local, 50 tons through; shipments, 158 tons. Market steady.

Quotations for new stock: Timothy—Choice, $8.50@9; No. 1, $7@8; No. 2, $6.50@7; No. 3, $5.50@6. Prairie—Choice, $8; No. 1, $6.50@7; No. 2, $3. Clover—No. 1, $8; lower grades, from $7.50 to $6; clover mixed, $6.50@7.50.

STRAW—Wheat and oat, $4.25@4.50 East St. Louis; $4.50 this side; rye nominal at $6.50@7; scarce, badly wanted.

SEEDS—GRASS AND FLAX.

GRASS SEED—Quotations per 100 lbs as follows: Timothy—Prime, $2.30; solid red-top quoted at $5.25@5.50, and chaff down to 75c. Clover—Steady and firm; $3 for weedy; $5.50 for pure. Millet—Common, 60@80c; German, 75@90c; Hungarian, 65@75c.

HEMP—Pure test, $2 75; sunflower, last sale, $2.00 f. o. b., country point.

FLAXSEED—Receipts, 1800 bu; shipments, none; market firm and higher; $1.12½ bid for spot and to arrive.

PROVISIONS.

PORK—Market steady. Standard pork, $9.12½; on orders, 50c per bbl higher; new pork, $10.25.

LARD—Market very strong and higher; choice at $5.50; prime, $5.35.

BACON—On orders: Boxed lots—Shoulders, 5⅛c; extra short, …c; clear ribs, 5⅞c; clear sides, 6c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Shoulders, 4⅝c; clear sides, 5¼c; clear ribs, 5¼c; extras, 5c.

BREAKFAST BACON—On orders, 7½@9½c per pound.

SUGAR-CURED HAMS—7½@8½c.

BEEF—Mess, $9.50@10.50 per bbl; dried, 10½@13c; tongues, $6 per dozen.

LEAD AND SPELTER.

LEAD—Market steady at $3.77½@3.80.

SPELTER—Market easy at $4.90.

ON THE STREET.

(The Post-Dispatch quotations are for car-lots in first hands, unless otherwise quoted. Orders are charged higher, as selected goods are used.)

FRUITS.

APPLES—Market very firm for choice fruit, demand good. Fair to choice, $2.25@2.50 per bbl, $3.50@4 for fancy. California Bellefleurs, $1.50 per 50-lb box; California Smith ciders, $1.60 per 45-lb box, jobbing price.

PEARS—Scarce and demand fair; Keifer, $3@3.25 per bbl; 60@75c per ½-bu basket.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.75@3 for Florida boxes; $2.50@2.60 for California boxes; Tangerines, $6.50@7. New California seedlings, $2.50@2.75 for fancy; choice 25c less; fancy navels, $3.50@3.75; choice 25c less.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Cornichon, $1.65@1.75 per 20-lb crate; Emperors, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—$2@2.25 per 40-lb box.

GRAPE FRUIT—$6@7 per box.

LEMONS—Scarce; market steady; new Messina, $4.25@4.50; California, $3.50@4.

BANANAS—On orders, medium bunches, $1.15@1.40; choice large, $1.65.

COCOANUTS—$35 per 1000 or $4 per 100.

CRANBERRIES—Choice, $6 per bbl; poor stock, $4@5; $1.25@1.75 per bu box. Some extra fancy Cape Cod selling at $7@7.50 per bbl.

DRIED FRUIT.

APPLES—Scarce and in good demand. Evaporated rings, average receipts, 7@7½c; fancy, 8@8½c; common, 6@6½c; evaporated quarters, 5½@6c; skins, unbleached, 3@4c; bleached, 11@12c; sun-dried quarters, 4½@5c for fair to choice; common, 3½@4c.

PEACHES—Sun-dried, 2@2½c for common to choice; evaporated bleached, 4½@5½c.

PEARS—Scarce and demand fair. Kiefer, $3@7.50 per bbl; 75c@$1 per bu basket for choice.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Northern Burbanks and Rural, 38@40c on trk; early Rose, 45@50c delivered; Colorado snowflakes, 75c per bu on track; Peerless, 38@40c on track; Iowa, 35@38c on track.

SWEET POTATOES—40@45c per bu; $1.25@1.50 bbl on orders.

ONIONS—Northern globes, choice red, 50@55c per bu delivered; Northern and Eastern, 40@45c; whites (silverskin), 75@80c; Spanish, $1.25 per crate. Pickling, $1@1.25 per bu box.

CABBAGE—Market dull, lower. Domestic, $1.25@1.50 per crate on orders; Holland seed, $15 per ton on track, $18 per ton delivered; Danish, $15; $1 per 100 lbs on orders.

RADISHES—New Louisiana, 30@35c per doz. bunches.

LETTUCE—New Louisiana, $2.50@3 per bbl.

CAULIFLOWER—Choice California, $2.50@2.75 a crate of 30 to 36 heads; New York, per bbl, $4@5.

TURNIPS—Unwashed, 90c@$1 per bbl; washed, $1.25.

RUTABAGAS—Northern at 30@31c per bu delivered, last sale 28c on track, $1.25 per bbl on orders.

CARROTS—Michigan, 35@40c per 100 lbs; $1@1.25 per bbl on orders; new Louisiana, 25c per dozen bunches.

BEETS—Home-grown, 15@20c per doz bunches; Northern, $1 per bbl.

HORSERADISH—$3.00 per bbl for home-grown on orders.

PEPPERS—Florida, $1.50@1.75 per bu box.

CUCUMBERS—Southern receipts, 90c@$1 per dozen for large; 50@75c for small.

PARSNIPS—$1.75 per bbl for washed, $1.50 for unwashed, 50@60c per bu on orders.

CELERY—Fair supply; Michigan, 10@25c per bunch; California, in rough, 40@50c. Celery roots, 25@35c per doz, as to size.

STRING BEANS—Florida round green, $2.00@2.25 per bu box.

SAGE—25c per doz bunches.

GUMBO—New Florida, $1.40@1.50 per 6-basket crate.

EGG PLANT—Florida, $2.25@2.50 per 6-basket crate.

SAUER KRAUT—½ bbls, $1.50, or $2.75 per bbl.

EGGS.

Receipts, 1073 cases; shipments, 50 cases. Market steady and a fair trade at 19½c per doz.

POULTRY, VEALS, ETC.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Old roosters, 3½c; hens and springs, all round, 5@5¼c. Turkeys—Receipts fair; market dull; spring, good dressing stock, 8 lbs over, 7½@8c. Geese—Demand moderate; good supply, 5@5½c. Ducks, 5@5½c. Pigeons, 50c per doz. Dressed poultry—Receipts small, but demand very light; chickens, young, 6@6½c; old, 5½@6c. Ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 4@6½c. Turkeys, 9c; head and legs off, 9@10c.

VEALS—Calves—Receipts large; market dull; 4½@5c for small and fat; average receipts, 4@4½c.

LAMBS—4@5c for extra to fancy small and fat; sheep, 2½@3½c per lb.

ROASTING PIGS—75c@$1.

FROGS—Scarce. Large, $1.25 per doz; small to medium, 40@60c.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

BUTTER—Steady and a fair trade, yet supply ample.

Creamery—		Dairy—	
Extra Elgin	.21 @21½	Extras	.16 @18
Firsts	.18 @20	Firsts	.14 @15
Seconds	.16 @17	Seconds	12½@13
Ladle Packed—		Store Packed—	
Extras	14	Nearby roll	.10 @12
Firsts	12½@13½	Northern roll	.14 @15
Seconds	12	Store packed	.8 @10
		Grease	3

CHEESE—Quiet. Wisconsin—Full cream, twins, 10¼c; singles, 10¾c; Y. A., 11¼c; Southern Wisconsin and Illinois—Twins, 8¼c; singles, 8½c; Y. A., 9c; skims, 3@5c. Brick from 8c for poor to 11c for choice. Swiss 11@12½c.

GAME.

Quotations for undrawn birds. Drawn, 25c per doz lower.

DUCKS—Mallards firm at $3.25 per doz; blue wing teal, $2; green wing teal, $1.75; canvas-back, $6; red heads, $3; common mixed, $1.25; jack snipe $1.25 per doz; woodcock $4.50@5; plovers, 90c@$1. Squirrels 40c per doz. Deer, carcasses, 8@9c per lb; venison saddles, 15c. Rabbits—Receipts fair; market steady; selling at 60@70c per doz. Jack rabbits—Few coming in at $1.25 per doz. Wild geese, $4.50 per doz. Quail, $1 per doz for choice; pheasants, $5.50; wild turkeys, 7c for hens, 8c for toms. Opossums, slow sale, 5@15c, as to size and condition. Bear—Hindquarter, 25c per lb; forequarter, 15c; skinned carcasses, 15c; hide on 17c.

WOOL.

Receipts, 14,280 lbs; shipments, 31,000 lbs. Market steady, but quiet.

Missouri, Illinois, etc.—	
Medium combing	18 @18½
Medium clothing	17 @17½
Braid and low	16½@17
Light fine	15½@16
Slightly burry	14 @15
Hard burry	12 @12½
Southern hard and burry	10½@11
Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota—	
Bright medium	16½@17
Medium	15 @16
Fine medium	13 @14
Light fine	12 @13
Heavy fine	10 @11
Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory, etc.—	
Medium	16 @17
Fine medium	15 @16
Coarse and low	13 @14
Kansas, Nebraska and Western—	
Bright medium	17 @17½
Medium	15 @16
Fine medium	13 @14
Heavy fine	9 @10
Coarse and carpet	12 @14
Tub-washed—	
Choice	26
Fair	20 @22

WHISKY

Market steady on basis of $1.27 for highwines.

HIDES, ETC.

HIDES—Quiet.

Green salted, Western	8½
Green salted, Arkansas and Southern	8
Texas and Kansas	8¾
Dry flint, heavy Texas	14
Dry flint, native	14½
Dry salted	12½
Glue stock	4
On selection—	
Green salted, No. 1	8¾
Green salted, No. 2	7¾
Bulls	7½
Dry salted, No. 1	13½
Dry flint, No. 1	14½
Dry flint, No. 2	12

FEATHERS—Quiet. Prime white live geese, small sks, 38c; large sks, 37c; gray and guilty, 30c; white, cld, 30@32c; X, 24@27c; XX, 16@18c; XXX, 10@12c; XXXX, 5@6c; tare, 3@10 per cent. Chicken—Dry picked, 2½c. Duck—Dark at 22c; white, 30@32c. Turkey—Tail, 20c; wing, 10c; wing and tail pointers, 9c.

SHEEPSKINS—Market quiet; green salted, full wooled, 60@80c; small, 30@50c each; dry, 10c less; shearings 15@25c; fallen pelts, 6@8c per lb, according to quality and condition.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Deerskins quotable at 21c per lb for prime; damaged, half price. Antelope, 12c. Goatskins, 15@25c each.

BEESWAX—Prime steady at 25@25½c.

TALLOW—Market quiet; prime country run at 3⅝c; No. 2, 3@3¼c.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

RAGS, OLD ROPE AND RUBBER—Rags, 50@60c per 100 lbs. Old rope—No. 1, $1; No. 2, 50c. Old rubber, $5.50.

BONES—Choice bleached, $16 per ton; partly bleached, $10@11; skinny, $9@10; slaughter-house stock, $8@10.

BROOMCORN—Quiet. Quote as follows: Good stock at $40 per ton for common to $55 for choice and $70@75 for fancy.

COOPERAGE—Slack work—Flour bbls, round hoops, 29c; flat hoops, 25c; half bbls, 20c; meal bbls, 22c; produce bbls, 25c; lard tcs, 97½c@$1; half tcs, 80c; pork bbls, 77½@80c per bbl this side and 75@85c East Side.

DRIED PEAS—New jobbing at 95c@$1 per bu; Scotch, $1@1.05; split, $1.35@1.40.

HONEY—Comb, choice white, 13@14c per lb; fair, 9@11c per lb; dark, 6@8c; strained or extracted, 6@7c in cans per lb.

WHITE BEANS—Market steady; $1.10@1.20 bu for car lots for hand-picked pea beans on trk; $1.05@1.10 for screened; Lima, 4@4½c.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, gasoline and turpentine, 75c; vinegar, 55c; black oil, 40c; lard oil, 60c; linseed oil, 60c; do ½-bbls, 40c; sugar, 15c; whisky, 65c; do ½-bbls, 50c; wine, 75c; sauerkraut, 25c; pickle, 40c; molasses, 25c; lard tcs, red and yellow, 30@32c; Spanish, $1@1.10 per case.

BAGGING AND TIES—Bagging in a jobbing way 2¼ lb, 6c per yard; 2 lb, 5½c; 1¾ lb, 5¼c.

COTTON.

LOCAL MARKET—Steady and unchanged. Sales, none. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 5-16c
Good ordinary	4 11-16c
Low middling	5 c
Middling	5⅝ c
Good middling	5 13-16c
Middling fair	6 5-16c

Tinges ⅛c and stains ⅜c below white.

WAREHOUSE STATEMENT TO-DAY.

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Net receipts to-day	1,384	Holiday.
Net receipts since Sept. 1	110,921	......
Net shipments to-day	880	......
Net shipments since Sept. 1	59,033	......
Gross receipts to-day	6,425	......
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	601,415	......
Gross shipments to-day	5,921	......
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	549,527	......
Stock on hand	76,965	......

The New York and Liverpool Cotton Exchanges closed to-day and Monday.

Spot Cotton Market.

GALVESTON—Market quiet at 5 7-16c; receipts, 17,212 bales.

NEW ORLEANS—Market steady at 5 3-16c; receipts, 23,258 bales.

MOBILE—Market quiet at 5 3-16c; receipts, 400 bales.

SAVANNAH—Market quiet and easy at 5 1-16c; receipts, 4171 bales.

CHARLESTON—Market quiet at 5¼c; receipts, 1380 bales.

NORFOLK—Market steady at 5⅝c; receipts, 2315 bales.

WILMINGTON—Market firm at 5⅝c; receipts, none.

BALTIMORE—Market nominal at 5¾c; receipts, 1497 bales.

NEW YORK—Market steady at 5⅝c; receipts 344 bales.

BOSTON—Market steady at 5⅝c; receipts, 806 bales.

PHILADELPHIA—Market quiet at 6⅛c; receipts, 334 bales.

MEMPHIS—Market steady at 5⅜c; receipts, 2241 bales.

AUGUSTA—Market quiet at 5⅝c; receipts, 432 bales.

HOUSTON—Market steady at 5 7-16c; receipts, 14,197 bales.

ST. LOUIS—Market steady at 5⅝c; receipts, 1384 bales.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Wheat to-day started rather slow and at a slight decline, May at 71⅝@71¾c, compared with yesterday's closing price of 71⅞c. There was some surprise at the decline shown by Liverpool—¼d—which, following yesterday's sharp advance here, was believed by many to indicate a less urgent demand for American wheat. But the liquidation on this account was comparatively small, and soon after the opening the market grew firmer. St. Louis was a large buyer here. Local traders were also somewhat disposed to bull the market, and though there was continued selling to even up for the new year, the demand was so good that the May price was bid up to 72¼c. Realizing then caused a slow reaction to 71⅞@72c. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 508 cars. Chicago receipts were 154 cars, 8 of contract grade. World's shipments were estimated at 8,400,000 bu.

Corn was slow. There was some easiness at first on the lower cables and on the cold weather, but later the market rallied with wheat. Receipts were 541 cars. May opened a shade lower at 38⅛@38¼c, and advanced to 38½c.

Oats were neglected. There was not much disposition to do business either way, and the few scalpers who did any trading were influenced by the action of corn. Receipts were 212 cars. May opened a shade lower at 28⅛@28¼c and advanced to 28⅜c.

Provisions were fairly active and rather irregular. Lard was still the bull card, and other products were neglected for this. The hog market was a little higher. Packers were liberal sellers of pork and ribs. The outside demand was good. May pork opened a shade lower at $10.55@10.57½, advanced to $10.67½ and reacted to $10.57½. May lard opened 2½@5c higher at $5.85@5.87½, advanced to $5.90 and reacted to $5.85. May ribs opened 5c higher at $5.22@5.27½ and reacted to $5.22½.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Close—Wheat—Dec. and Jan., 68⅛c; May, 71⅞@71⅞c; July, 69⅝@69¾c. Corn—Dec., 37¼c; Jan., 36⅞c; May, 38⅛c; July, 38⅜c. Oats—Dec., 26⅛c; Jan., 26¼c; May, 28⅜@28½c; July, 26⅝c. Pork—Dec., $8.95; Jan., $10.20; May, $10.55@10.57½. Lard—Dec., $5.60; Jan., $5.65; May, $5.90. Ribs—Dec. and Jan., $4.90; May, $5.22½. Flax—Cash, Northwest, $1.18; Dec., $1.13¼; May, $1.16½. Barley—Cash, 42@49c. Rye—Dec., 54½c; May, 55½c. Timothy—Dec., $2.35; March, $2.45. No. 2 red wheat, 72c; No. 3, 67@70c; No. 2 hard, 66⅝c; No. 3 do, 65@66c; No. 1 northern spring, 69c; No. 2 do, 67@68c; No. 3 spring, 65½@67½c; No. 2 corn, 37c; No. 3 do, 35@35¾c; No. 2 oats, 27@27½c; No. 3 do, 27c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Butter firm; creameries, 14@20½c; dairies, 12½@17c. Eggs firm; fresh, 25@26c. Dressed poultry firm; turkeys, 10@10½c; chickens, 7@7½c; ducks, 6@7c.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 31.—Corn firm; No. 2, 36⅝@36¾c. Oats firm, steady; No. 2 white, 27¾@28¼c. Whisky firm on the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—No grain markets; board closed for local reasons. Eggs higher; 21c. Butter steady; separator, 19c; dairy, 16c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Butter—Receipts, 4,270 packages; market firm; Western creamery, 13@21c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 12@14½c. Cheese—Receipts, 2,090 packages; market steady; large white, 10¼@10½c; small white, 11c; large colored, 10¼@10½c; small colored, 11c. Eggs—Receipts, 3,800 packages; market firm; Western, 27c; Southern, 23@25c. Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 5-16c; molasses sugar, 3 9-16c; refined quiet; crushed, 5½c; powdered, 5¼c; granulated, 5c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Easy, ⅛@¼d lower; Jan. nominal; March, 5s 11⅛d; May, 5s 9¼d. Corn—Quiet, ⅜d lower; Jan., 3s 11⅛d; March, 3s 10⅝d; May, 3s 10⅜d.

Elgin Butter Market.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 31.—Butter—498 tubs offered, 35 sold at 20½c; official market made steady at 12½c.

Grain Receipts.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Receipts, 370 cars.

LIVE STOCK.

National Stock Yards.

NATIVE CATTLE—Receipts, 190. Southern cattle—Receipts, 66. Market steady.

SALES.

No.	Description.	Av.	Price
5	native steers	856	$3 40
46	native steers	412	2 85
2	native steers	720	3 10
4	native heifers	532	2 10
3	native heifers	446	2 50
6	Mississippi steers	888	2 85
7	Arkansas steers	471	3 10
54	Mississippi steers	477	2 85
5	Mississippi steers	406	2 85
27	Arkansas mixed	384	2 75
30	Mississippi steers	455	2 70
18	Mississippi cows	636	2 75
3	Arkansas cows	690	2 50
4	Arkansas cows	760	2 60
2	Arkansas cows	805	2 40
2	Tennessee steers	1100	3 90
6	Tennessee cows	800	2 70
4	Mississippi heifers	462	2 50
8	Mississippi heifers	681	2 40
1	native steer	1050	4 90
1	native steer	1080	4 25

SHEEP—Receipts, none. Market nominal and no sales reported at the noon hour.

HOGS—Receipts, 6300 head; market strong to 5c higher.

SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
66	281	$3 70	68	262	$3 65
15	242	3 65	70	231	3 65
76	227	3 65	80	212	3 65
69	225	3 65	137	216	3 60
50	244	3 60	110	194	3 60
35	224	3 60	61	190	3 60
86	189	3 55	54	241	3 55
47	198	3 55	63	216	3 55
131	196	3 55	91	173	3 50
82	156	3 45	10	179	3 45
55	147	3 40	43	117	3 35

HORSES AND MULES—Receipts, 190 head. Horse market closing quiet; everything sold. Mule market closing strong and active; some late arrivals left over, but prices better than at the close of last week.

LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Estimated receipts of hogs to-day, 24,000; left over, 4465; market active, 5@10c higher; light, $3.40@3.67½; mixed, $3.45@3.72½; heavy, $3.40@3.75; rough, $3.40@3.50; yorkers, $3.60. Cattle—Receipts, 600; steady. Sheep—Receipts, 1000; steady; natives, $2.75@4.25; westerns, $3.00@4.15; lambs, $4.00@5.35.

Yesterday's official—Hogs—Receipts, 33,565; shipments, 4254. Cattle—Receipts, 2681; shipments, 2097. Sheep—Receipts, 5637; shipments, 979. Estimated hogs Monday, 46,000. There will be a market here Monday, Jan. 2.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; market unchanged. Hogs—Receipts, 7000 head; market strong to 5c higher; bulk of sales, $3.30@3.67½; heavies, $3.45@3.75; packers, $3.35@3.65; mixed, $3.30@3.60; lights, $3.20@3.45; Yorkers, $3.40@3.45; pigs, $2.80@3.25. Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; market unchanged.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 31.—Receipts—Cattle, 700 head; market steady; native beef steers, $4.00@5.40; Western steers, $3.80@5.40; Texas steers, $3.60@4.10; cows and heifers, $3.00@4.00; canners, $2.00@3.00; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.40; calves, $4.00@7.00; bulls, stags, etc., $2.00@3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 7000 head; market 5c higher; heavy, $3.47½@3.50; mixed, $3.50@3.52½; light, $3.50@3.55; pigs, $3.00@3.40; bulk of sales, $3.50@3.55. Sheep—Receipts, 1000 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.60@4.30; Western muttons, $3.50@4.00; stock sheep, $2.50@3.50; lambs, $4.00@5.00.

LOCAL MONEY MARKET.

The rates of domestic exchange, as quoted by the A. G. Edwards & Sons Brokerage Co., are:

New York—10c discount bid; par asked.
Chicago—20c discount bid; 10c discount asked.
Cincinnati—25c discount bid; par asked.
Louisville—25c discount bid; par asked.
New Orleans—25c discount bid; par asked.

UNITED STATES BONDS.

Name.	In.	Due.	Coupon.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s reg.	2 in coin	1900	Q from Mar.	99½	...
U. S. 4s reg.	4 in coin	1907	Q from Jan.	111⅝	111⅞
U. S. 4s cp.	4 in coin	1907	Q from Jan.	113⅛	114¼
U. S. 5s reg.	5 in coin	1904	Q from Jan.	112⅝	113⅛
U. S. 5s cp.	5 in coin	1904	Q from Jan.	112⅝	112⅞
U. S. 4s reg.	4 in coin	1925	Q from Mar.	128⅝	129⅛
U. S. 4s cp.	4 in coin	1925	Q from Mar.	128⅝	129⅛
U. S. 3s reg.	3 in coin	1918	Q from Aug.	106⅝	107⅛
U. S. 3s cp.	3 in coin	1918	Q from Aug.	106⅝	107⅛

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus, reserve, increased $436,075; loans increased, $6,095,600; specie, increased, $790,600; legal tenders, increased, $792,800; deposits, increased, $3,085,900; circulation, increased, $34,300. The banks now hold $19,180,975 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

THE B. & O. S.-W.

Preliminary Steps Taken for a Receivership.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 31.—The preliminary steps for a receivership of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway preparatory for its absorption in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, under the new plan of reorganization, were taken in the State Superior Court to-day before Judge R. B. Smith. J. M. Warrington and other attorneys, for the Mercantile Trust Co. of New York, filed a suit against the B. & O. Southwestern Railroad for $808,191, due on a loan made last October of $800,000 at 5 per cent interest. Through Judge Harmon, as counsel for the railroad company, judgment was at once confessed. The Mercantile Trust Co. held as collateral $1,610,000 in first mortgage bonds, $25,000 in Marietta Branch bonds, $361,000 in B. & O. bonds. The trust company alleged that it demanded payment for this loan and was refused before bringing suit.

As soon as the necessary arrangements can be made another suit will be brought in the United States Court and the receivers will be appointed by that court. The attorneys for the trust company and the railroad company both attempted to get the case into the United States Court immediately after the decree of judgment confessed was entered in the State Court, but Judge Thompson of the United States Court could not give them a hearing until late this afternoon, when it is expected the proceedings will be completed.

SCHOONER LEFT AT SEA.

Crew of the Fanny Arthur Saved by the Duchess of York.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British steamer Duchess of York, Capt. Storm, which sailed from New Orleans December 3, and Hampton Roads December 12, for Marseilles, has arrived at Gibraltar having on board the crew of the American schooner Fanny Arthur, which was abandoned on December 14 in latitude 37, longitude 65, after springing a leak on December 5.

When abandoned the water was within nine inches of the Arthur's deck. The Fanny Arthur left Turks Island on November 18 for Philadelphia.

FINANCIAL.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

The Noel-Young Bond and Stock Co., HAS REMOVED ITS OFFICES TO 304 NORTH FOURTH STREET.

A full line of Municipal Bonds always on hand. All local stocks and bonds bought or handled on commission.

Old issues of Municipal Bonds, entire or in part purchased.

We offer at present:
Evansville, Ind., Funding 4½s.
Brazoria Co., Tex., 6s.
Corpus Christi, Tex., 4-5s.
Honey Grove, Tex., School 5s.
Cleburne, Tex., Water Co. 6s.
St. Louis Cotton Compress Co. 6s.
Missouri Electric Light Co. 2d 6s.
Fourth National Bank Stock.
St. Louis National Bank Stock.
Washington Realty Co. Stock.
Center Creek (Webb City, Mo.) Mining Stock.

LOANS ON REAL ESTATE.

14 Words or Less, 20c.

WHATEVER amount desired on city property; easy terms. Adam Boeck & Co., 623 Chestnut.

THEY WANT TO BE FREE.

Filipino Junta Denies That It Is Willing to Disband Its Army.

HONG KONG, Dec. 31.—The Filipino Junta here has replied to the report of Commissioner Harden, who was sent to the Philippines by the Government of the United States to report upon the conditions there as follows:

"We deny that Aguinaldo will be satisfied if given command of five native regiments and that if this is done the national army could be disarmed and disbanded.

"We repeat our appeal for an impartial inquiry by an able commissioner and implore the American people to refrain from a hasty decision.

"The Filipino Government views with alarm Commissioner Harden's proposal to impose in America a high protective tariff against Philippine products.

"Iloilo surrendered to the national army, which is the completion of the occupation of the Island of Panay. There is no truth in the reported establishment of an opposition republic in the Visayas. All the officials in the Visayas hold Aguinaldo's commissions.

"The Filipinos to their brothers across the sea, the Filipinos send greeting and earnest prayer that with the new year will come a dawn of a new era of peace, prosperity and good fellowship with the free and beneficent people of the United States. Though but an infant among nations, yet we are strong if assured of the good will of the great American nation."

LARGE DEMAND FOR CARS.

Orders From Railroads Indicate That They Are Doing Good Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Northern Pacific Railroad Co. has placed orders for 10 postal cars and 500 flat cars. The company is also asking for bids for 20 first-class coaches. The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf will receive bids for fifty furniture cars. It is understood that the company will order more freight equipment. The Rio Grande Western will, it is reported, order during the coming year 1000 stock cars. It is reported that the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking has let 900 freight cars.

The Brainerd & Northern Minnesota is reported to be in the market for 50 to 75 cars for carrying stone and lumber. The Wabash is reported to be preparing an order for several hundred freight cars.

FRANCE OUTWITS ENGLAND.

Her Demand for Further Privileges in Shanghai Is Granted.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says:

"It is officially asserted here that, in spite of the protests of Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister at Pekin, the Chinese Government acceded to the demands for an extension of the exclusive French settlement in Shanghai.

"The Viceroy is greatly chagrined at the failure of Great Britain to support his determined policy in the Valley of the Yang-Tse-Kiang at an important crisis. Satisfactory conclusions are not likely to result from British negotiations anywhere in China so long as the personnel of the Tsung Li Yamen remains, as now, actively hostile to British interests."

THE OLYMPIA DANCING SOCIETY

An Elaborate Programme Prepared for the Annual Entertainment.

The annual entertainment and hop of the Olympia Dancing Society will be given Saturday evening, Dec. 31, at Pickwick Hall, Jefferson and Washington avenues. A splendid musical programme has been prepared.

Among those who will participate are: Misses Josephine Baldwin, Octavia Allen, Burdette Knox, Patia Dunn, Annette Dwyer and Lillian Dunn and Messrs. John T. O'Brien, John R. Coleman, Joseph Woodlock, Norman Lee, William Hogan, John Hogan, V. Lami, Vincent McCormac.

SWINDLED EIGHT BANKS.

Tactics of David Rothschild Whereby He Secured $83,500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Edwin Langdon, the President of the Central National Bank, says that at least eight banks in this city have been victimized in exactly the same way as the Central National, and that so far as is now positively known the extent of David Rothschild's operations was $83,500. It was also learned that the Bank of America was victimized to the extent of $35,000, but that it has attached $20,000 worth of fire insurance policies.

The scheme was to deposit $2000, borrow $5000 from the bank, then withdraw the $2000.

TO RAISE ANOTHER SHIP.

Spanish Cruiser Reina Mercedes Will Be Taken From Santiago Harbor.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 31.—The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Co.'s outfit has arrived here to raise the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes, which was sunk on the edge of the channel leading to Santiago harbor during the first bombardment of the Santiago fortifications by Admiral Sampson's squadron.

The superintendent expects to be able to raise the Reina Mercedes in two weeks. When raised the vessel probably will be worth to the United States Government more than $250,000, and a great danger to Santiago shipping will be removed.

FOUR PERSONS STILL MISSING.

Two More Boats of a Wrecked Steamer Found Off China.

HONG KONG, Dec. 31.—Two missing boats of the wrecked British steamer Glen Avon have been found. The only missing persons now are Chief Mate Nixon, Second Stewart Wilson and two Chinese.

Quartermaster Smith died of exhaustion after swimming to Lin Ting Island.

The search for the missing continues.

DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

Marcus P. Hayne, President Minneapolis Baseball Association.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31.—Marcus P. Hayne, President of the Minneapolis Baseball Club Association and a prominent lawyer, was found dead in his room at the Minneapolis Club to-day. The cause was locomotor ataxia, culminating in paralysis.

MORE HONOR FOR DEWEY.

He Is Now Vice-President of the American Seamen's Friend Society.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rear Admiral Dewey has been elected honorary vice-president of the American Seamen's Friend Society, of this city.

Happy New Year for Sunday Post-Dispatch Readers

NEW YEAR'S DAY AND ONE OF ITS GREETINGS.

To-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch is going to begin the new year by issuing the prettiest paper ever circulated in St. Louis New Year's Day. You have not forgotten the Christmas number nor its splendid merit. This paper will be to New Year's Day what that one was to Christmas—a part of its joy.

THE COLORED SECTION AND WHAT IS IN IT.

There is but one colored section to a Sunday St. Louis newspaper—the Sunday Post-Dispatch. Are you seeing it? Are you in on the fun that is there, the artistic half-tones, the cartoons, the Kelly Kids and the little world of people who can make you laugh and admire? Are you in on this? Don't let it get by you.

AN HONEST MAN WHO WILL STEAL.

Just think of it! He steals and yet is an honest man. He has been arrested in St. Louis 15 times for theft. He always steals the same thing. His prosecutor says the thief is an honest man. You want to know who is he, what it is he steals, and what it is all about. See to-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch.

THESE WERE THE BLUE BLOODED FOREFATHERS.

New York's Four Hundred is in the throes of a big show down. Mrs. J. K. Van Rensselaer has genealogically analyzed the blood of the Four Hundred, and she finds that in thirty-eight cases only is it blue. You can find pictures of the forefathers of these blue-blooded houses in to-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch.

THE CHARGE AGAINST THIS MAN IS THAT HE IS GOOD.

Ordinarily a man is arraigned to answer a charge of being bad. To-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch will tell the story of a man tried on a charge of being good. He is a murderer, a cut-throat, a desperado and everything wicked, and yet there are men who testify that he is guilty of goodness and will prove his guilt.

WHERE CO-OPERATION IS MORE THAN A DREAM.

There is within the trade territory of St. Louis an industrial city in which co-operation has become much more than a dream. The city was founded 40 years ago. Its factories are now the property of the workmen, and successful, practicable co-operation has become a reality. See to-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch.

WHAT INDUSTRY HAS PROFITED A MAN.

There came to St. Louis recently a man whose life story shows what industry will profit a man. His life has been a succession of successes and he is young and not done with them yet. To-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch will tell you who the man is, what he does, and what have been his successes.

DOES A TRULY GOOD MAN EVER GO WRONG?

What is the strength of the character of a man to resist the influences of evil? Does he become a reflector of his environment? Are there times when the best and strongest nature is in danger because of evil things around it? Read what phychists and scientists say of this in to-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch.

WHY DO SOME MEN LEAD THEIR FELLOWS?

What makes leaders of men? Is it a gift or an acquirement? How must a man work, how discipline his brain, to become a leader? These questions will be answered in to-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch. Great men at the head of their professions will tell how they attained to leadership and how others may.

POEMS FOR THE NEW YEAR NUMBER.

Among the good things with which to-morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch is going to delight its readers are poems by two young ladies. One of these is the daughter of Secretary of State John Hay, and the other is an Indian girl—she tells a legend of her tribe. They will add to the joy of your New Year's Day.

TO-MORROW'S HALF TONE SUPPLEMENT.

The half-tone supplement of to-morrow's great Sunday Post-Dispatch is going to be the prettiest and most entertaining ever issued in St. Louis. It will contain pictures of beautiful St. Louis women—people you know—and you will enjoy it. The half-tone work of the Sunday Post-Dispatch is becoming better every week. See this.

WHAT ABOUT GETTING DOWN WITH THE GRIP?

Are you reading the "Health and Hygiene" page of the Sunday Post-Dispatch? If not, you should be, for it is full of things pertaining to health which every one should know. The grip is abroad in the land now, and you must be exceedingly careful with your health. See this page to-morrow.

WILL WAGE WAR FOR THE BIRDS.

A great deal is sai... done concerning the American song bird... poems about the ... bobolink and th... thrush, but no one ... ter. Read in to-... Post-Dispatch of ... really going to prot...

PRETTY SCENES IN OLD MISSOURI.

When a man goes gunning ... camera he finds so much ... the State of Missouri that he knows what to shoot. Take ... trip through Missouri with t... half-tone supplement of th... Year number of the Sunda... Dispatch. You will see thing... seeing.

MAYOR OPPOSED BY THE COUNCIL.

Solid Seven Prepared to Reject Nominations.

DR. JORDAN FOR HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENT WITHDRAWN.

DR. HERMANN L. NIETERT'S NAME SUBSTITUTED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

FACT CONSIDERED A SURRENDER TO THE SEVEN.

Spring Appointments Already in Jeopardy and the Mayor Indignant, but Apparently Helpless.

Mayor Ziegenhein sent the name of Chief Dispensary Physician A. L. Jordan to the City Council Friday night for confirmation as superintendent of the City Hospital. A few minutes later he withdrew Dr. Jordan's name and substituted that of Dr. Hermann L. Nietert.

The substitution caused a "gloating bee" among the members of the City Council. They called it a surrender.

Mayor Ziegenhein appointed Dr. Ravold to the position without consulting the Council, and Dr. Ravold was "turned down." The submission of Dr. Jordan's name was also without prior consultation with the councilmen.

The Mayor was given to understand, through Julius Wurzburger and Norman Florsheim, two members of his Advisory Board, that the Council intended to dictate the appointment.

The Mayor was stubborn and sent in Dr. Jordan's name. Wurzburger and Florsheim continued to labor with him. Almost immediately he repented his action. He knew the councilmen had agreed on Dr. Nietert. He sent in Dr. Nietert's name. It was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

The incident is one that will be repeated on a larger scale in the spring.

Unless a mighty change comes over the complexion of things at the City Hall, there is going to be the deadliest kind of a deadlock between Mayor Ziegenhein and the City Council over the spring appointments.

There are seven men now in the Council who will absolutely control the appointments in opposition to the Mayor's wishes unless he does something to "conciliate" them, the politicians say.

The City Council is composed of 13 men. Twelve of these are extremely hostile to Mayor Ziegenhein. Uthoff is the only one at all friendly to him.

The terms of six of these will expire in April. They are Brinkmeyer, Ives, Hagan, Horton, Heckel and Uthoff. The other seven—Carroll, Thuner, Gast, Gaus, Kratz, Wiggins and President Meier—will hold over. They constitute a majority of the Council. All appointments of the Mayor must be confirmed by a majority vote. Such is the feeling of hostility of these seven men, who will constitute the majority of the Council when the Mayor's appointments of heads of departments are made, that they will not confirm them.

Under the most favorable conditions the Mayor will have to win over one member in order to have a majority of his friends in th Council. The most favorable conditions would mean the election of six men friendly to him to succeed the six whose terms will expire. But the six with the possible exception of Mr. Ives, want to succeed themselves. If any of them are re-elected, or if any men are elected who are not friendly to tne Mayor, he will have that many more to win over.

The solid seven say the Mayor has shown his disregard of them by his recent appointments to the city attorneyship and the superintendency of the City Hospital. And in both of these instances the Council showed its resentment by holding up the appointment in the one case and rejecting one appointee in the other.

It is no secret that Kinsey would not have been confirmed as City Attorney if the Council could have found a decent pretext for turning him down.

Out of the present situation is expected to grow the merriest fight in the spring which the City Hall has seen in many a day. It will crop out first in the attempt of the Ziegenhein and anti-Ziegenhein forces to control the primary and the convention. A desperate effort will be made to have Ziegenhein men nominated on the Council ticket. Filley is expected to be a factor at this juncture.

Apart from the feeling of hostility which prevails there is a strong incentive for Councilmen to hold up the Mayor's appointments. The occasion offers them the finest opportunity of their terms for exacting conditions from the Mayor. They are in a position to demand much from him in return for their support of his appointees.

During the term of Mayor Ewing seven members held up his appointments for months. They are said to have been bound together, literally by an oath to which each subscribed his name. Louis Bohle is credited with having been the leader of this solid seven.

A similar combine forced Mayor Noonan to appoint M. L. Holman Water Commissioner and John Lindsay Fire Chief after a deadlock of almost two years.

In view of the fact that Uthoff is the only Councilman enjoying the confidence of the Mayor, it is significant that it was he whose vote resulted in the passage of the Central Traction bill over the Mayor's veto. When the Mayor vetoed the bill it was supposed the Lindell influence was responsible, but now it has come to appear that the Lindell influence wanted the bill passed, and the probability is suggested of Uthoff having acted with a complete understanding with the Mayor.

Valuable farm lands are daily bought, sold or exchanged through P.-D. Wants. The nearest drug store is a Post-Dispatch branch office.

STRUCK BY AN ENGINE.

Joseph Marholf Thrown Fifteen Feet, but Will Recover.

Joseph Marholf, aged 53 years, was thrown 15 feet by a Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City train at Union Station Friday night. He was picked up unconscious and sent to the City Hospital. His injuries consist of two fractured ribs and a badly bruised face.

Marholf is a brewer, married and lives with his family at 3418 Oregon avenue. He regards his escape as marvelous.

"I cross the railroad tracks," said he, "every evening for a short cut. But not until last night did I realize the risk I ran. The accident happened about 6:15 o'clock. The big bull's eye flashing across the track was the first signal of warning. The I heard a dozen men shout 'look out!'

"The next instant I was flying through the air. The pilot of the engine lifted me up and it seemed I would never light. My luck was remarkable, but I can stand all kinds of punishment. You see I haven't worked in a brewery for nothing.

"I am feeling better this morning, but my New Year's resolution will be to avoid railroad tracks in the future."

ONE PURE BAKING POWDER.

Over seventy per cent of all baking powders contain alum. The ill effects upon the system of food leavened by this injurious drug are attested by the highest medical authorities. Alum baking powders would be less dangerous were they fatal at once, for then they surely would be avoided, but their baneful action because imperceptible at first and slow in its advances is no less certain.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

is certified by all authorities as free from alum or any other adulterant. Its purity has never been questioned, and while it does finer and better work, it costs no more than many of the adulterated powders.

It received the highest award at the World's Columbian Exposition, (Chicago, 1893) and at the California Midwinter International Exposition, (San Francisco, 1894) a special gold medal.

AN OLD MAN'S HURT.

THE NESTOR OF ST. LOUIS LETTER CARRIERS FELL FROM A STREET CAR.

CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN.

Lewis Nordman, Who Has Delivered Mail in St. Louis for 25 Years, Severely Injured.

Lewis Nordman, St. Louis' oldest letter carrier, is confined to his bed because of injuries sustained while attempting to board a Suburban car at Eighth and Locust streets at 7 o'clock Friday night.

Because of Mr. Nordman's advanced age the injury is serious. He is conscious part of the time, but his faculties appear to be impaired and he makes the same reply to all questions—"My head hurts me."

Mr. Nordman is 69 years old and he has been in the employ of the postal department continuously for 25 years. With his wife he boards at 1720 Carr street.

Mr. Nordman is a native of Hanover, Germany, and came to this country when he was 16 years old. He located in St. Louis and learned the harness maker's trade. He worked at his trade until April, 1873, when he was appointed a mail carrier. He has served continuously ever since. Though he has almost reached the allotted three-score and ten years he is yet hale and hearty and the day that he was not able, before his injury of Friday night, to go on duty and make his route must needs have been a most disagreeable one.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Nordman celebrated the forty-sixth anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. Nordman is a mild-mannered and active old lady, with snow-white hair and a kindly face that must have been beautiful when she was younger. She is by her husband's side constantly, and anticipates his every want.

The car that Mr. Nordman attempted to board started too quickly and he was thrown to the granite paved streets. His head struck the edge of the paving block. The physician says that there is no fracture, but the concussion is severe.

The old letter carrier is a familiar figure in the downtown business district, where he has worked for many years. He is slightly below the medium height, is stout and has always worn a short full beard that in recent years has been gray. Though in no immediate danger the doctor says the injury he received may be permanent.

POUND'S BODY UNCLAIMED.

He Had a Sister, a Wife and Three Children in the City.

The body of Edward Pound is at the Morgue, unclaimed and apparently unmourned, while somewhere in St. Louis lives a wife and three children from whom the dead man was estranged.

The police have not ascertained the address of the wife and little ones, although an effort is being made to notify them, and it is expected they will be located within a short while.

The dead man also has a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Kerr, living at 401 Sidney street. The police report that she has declined to claim the body.

"If he's at the Morgue, I can't help it," Mrs. Kerr is quoted as saying.

Pound dropped dead while sitting in a chair in Nick Stein's boarding house, 158 Victor street, early Friday morning. The coroner is investigating and a post-mortem will reveal the cause of death, which is supposed to be heart disease.

Death came without a moment's warning, and was not observed by other boarders in the room until one of them incidentally spoke to Pound and received no reply. He appeared to be in a sound sleep, but when his friends took a closer look they discovered he was dead.

Pound was 34 years old and a laborer. Three months ago he was admitted to the City Hospital, suffering from general debility. He improved and was discharged from the institution as convalescent a few weeks since. On leaving the hospital, Pound went to Stein's to board. He separated from his family a year or more ago.

THE RIVER COMMISSION.

Tennessee Congressman Wants It Removed to Memphis.

A dispatch from Washington says the Secretary of War has received a letter from a member of Congress from Tennessee urging that the headquarters of the Mississippi River Commission be moved from St. Louis to Memphis. The matter has been referred to President Gillespie of the Commission with a request for a report.

The War Department will not consider the matter unless President Gillespie should recommend the removal.

Officials concerned, it is stated, do not take the request seriously, but the Missouri Congressmen are prepared to oppose the transfer if any real danger of its being effected should arise.

Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City.

The Burlington's 8:45 p. m. wide vestibuled train is the best to Omaha, Lincoln, Nebraska. Also upper Missouri River points.

JOSHUA DORFF DEAD.

Aged Citizen of Belleville, Who Lived Many Years in St. Louis.

Joshua Dorff, aged 76, died Friday at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. William Bahrenburg, in Belleville. He was well-known in St. Louis, where he lived almost half a century, and was in the dry goods business many years.

Last November Mr. Dorff and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by their descendants, at the home of Dr. Bahrenburg, on East Main street.

The remains will be brought to St. Louis for interment in Bellefontaine, leaving Belleville at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Be sure and use Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for your children while teething.

THEY HAD TO JUMP.

NARROW ESCAPES FROM FIRE BY SOME OF MRS. WOOTEN'S BOARDERS.

POLITICIAN SAVED A WOMAN.

Eddie Albright Saw Miss Belle Davis at a Third-Story Window and Rescued Her.

Fire dismantled the fashionable boarding house of Mrs. A. K. Wooten, at 1507 Locust street, Friday night, and several of the guests had narrorw esecapes.

The building is a three-story stone front. The fire had its origin in the hall on the second floor and had gained great headway before it was discovered.

Miss Belle Davis, a stenographer, had a room on the third floor. John Stevenson, a life insurance man, and J. C. Badgett, a traveling salesman, also roomed on that floor. When the fire was discovered the hall was a mass of flames and the stairway had burned out, completely shutting off all avenue of escape for those occupants of the third floor.

Mr. Stevenson raised a window. The flames were already upon him and he had to spring to save himself. Even as it was the flames blistered his face as he dashed through them. He leaped to a porch on the second floor and lost his balance. He would have fallen had he not caught the cornice. In doing this he lacerated his hands, which were already burned. He recovered himself and then jumped to the ground.

Mr. Badgett managed to reach the second floor, but was unable to push his way through the hall, which was blazing like a furnace. He jumped from a window and alighted on a brick walk. He was severely jolted, but his injuries are not serious.

Eddie Albright, a well-known politician, was the hero of the fire. He was passingin his buggy. He saw the figure of a woman at a third-story window. He jumped from his buggy, and spying a ladder, placed it against the wall under Miss Belle Davis' window. He ran up it, and seizing the frightened woman in his arms, descended with her in safety. Saturday morning Miss Davis was at her work as usual.

Mrs. Wooten was at her other boarding house, across the street at 1520 Locust street, when the fire was discovered. She ran across the street, but as she stepped on the pavement her foot slipped and she fell, striking the back of her head on the curbstone, cutting a gash and rendering her unconscious for a brief time.

Mrs. Wooten says she has not estimated her loss. She fears everything in the house is ruined. She carried $2500 insurance. Messers Badgett and Stevenson and Miss Davis lost their personal effects.

The second and third floors of the house were badly damaged by the fire. The entire house was a sheet of ice Saturday morning, the water thrown by the fire engines having frozen.

CONFERENCE OF JUDGES.

Changes in the Statutes Suggested by Able Jurists.

The conference of Circuit Judges closed yesterday. A large number of amendments to present statutes were suggested. It was recommended that the office of Circuit Attorney be created, to assist Prosecuting Attorneys of the counties. An amendment was suggested by providing that it be left to the suggestion of the court whether the State or county shall pay the costs of criminal cases. A third recommendation fixes the maximum limit of a jury panel at 24.

It is also recommended that in all misdemeanor cases the person making the complaint shall pay the costs in the event of acquittal. The statute relating to burglary was discussed and it was decided that it should be recommended so as to make the punishment of those who rob unoccupied houses possible. It was also recommended that where there are conflict between the rules of equity and the rules of common law, the rules of equity shall prevail.

The following resolution was adopted: That the laws relating to the confinement of boys in the reform school be so amended as to provide that boys under the age of 16, who shall be convicted in the Circuit Court of misdemeanors, may be confined in said reform school for such time as the court may determine, and that in all cases where a boy under 18 years of age shall be convicted of a felony, the court trying the said case may in its discretion commute the punishment assessed to confinement in said reform school for such time as the court may think proper.

Judge Rudolph Hirzel of St. Louis County was elected President and Judge Selden P. Spencer, Secretary.

NOTHING FOR CHARITY.

Prof. Scott's Novelty Cake Walk Was a Failure.

Prof. P. F. Scott's novelty cake walk at Music Hall Friday night realized nothing for charity. The professor figures his loss at $600.

The audience was completely lost in the big hall. The entertainment was a good amateur production. Prof. Scott claims the loss is due to the misunderstanding which occurred in connection with the Provident Association, which it was advertised, was to receive part of the proceeds.

IMAGINARY POKER GAMES.

George Roth Fancies That He Holds Great Hands.

George Roth of 321 Walnut street is in the observation ward of the City Hospital with a peculiar mental trouble. Recently he lost $600 in a poker game in one night, and since then he has been insane. He imagines that he sits in great poker games and makes enormous winnings. He becomes so jubilant over his imaginary success that at times he is violent.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

PREPARATIONS GENERAL FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

SOCIETY AND CLUB WORK.

Topics for the Sermons of To-Morrow—News and Notes of Interest to Religious Peple.

The Guild of the Good Shepherd, connected with Trinity Episcopal Church, is active in good works. Mrs. William H. Thomson is President. Just before Christmas the ladies of the guild sent a large box filled with all kinds of necessary articles and apparel to a poor minister and family in the Indian Territory. They are constantly doing such deeds of benevolence. Tuesday evening a Christmas tree was given to the children of the Sunday school.

The Young Men's Christian Association will hold a New Year's reception Monday, Jan. 2. In the afternoon and evening there will be gymnastic exhibitions, music and refreshments.

Among the prominent societies of the Lafayette Park Baptist Church are the Women's Missionary Society and the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle. Of the former Mrs. S. B. Cleveland is President and Miss M. E. Caffall is Secretary; of the latter Miss Laura Licklider is President and Mrs. Alice Kenner Vice-President. They meet on the first Friday of each month and every alternate Monday, respectively. The members of these societies aid materially in maintaining an interest in church matters on the part of all its members, thus assisting in its success and good works.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Third Baptist Church is distinguished for the amount of its charitable work, being interested in the welfare of the Baptist Orphan's Home, Industrial Home, hospital and other institutions. It meets each Tuesday and the meetings are well attended.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational Church meets every Friday at 10:30 a. m. and remains in session all day. It is a large society and labors especially for the Children's Hospital, Martha Parsons, and is greatly interested in the Bethesda infants. It cares for a cot at the latter, and every effort is made to administer to the comforts and wants of these little ones. Mrs. W. L. Becker is President; Mrs. Meyer, Vice-President; Mrs. G. Anderson, Secretary, and Mrs. C. Fitch, Treasurer.

The Christian Culture Class of the Third Baptist Church is large and is a religious as well as a literary society. Rev. R. P. Johnston is the leader of the class and gives much attention to Bible studies.

The Ready Hands of the First Congregational Church is a band of children. The society is 19 years old. It meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Miss Emma Knox is President. The members pledge themselves to raise at least $100 a year. This is quietly done by fees and gifts and an entertainment, which will be given early in the spring will doubtless assist them in raising the necessary sum. Many of the prominent women now of the church were formerly members of the Ready Hands.

The Boys' and Girls' Sodality of St. Alphonsus (Rock) Church meet the first Wednesday of every month in the church, for devotional service, and then go to the schoolhouse adjoining for different kinds of entertainment. The entertainment given Festival Monday was only for the children. This sodality is large and growing rapidly.

The Mount Cabanni Christian Auxiliary of Foreign and Home Missions is one of the important bodies of Mount Cabanne Christian Church. Mrs. W. D. Harrison is President. The lady members meet every three weeks to exchange ideas and lay out plans concerning this work. They deserve a great deal of credit for the amount they accomplish. The Berean Band is another society connected with this church, which meets twice a month. The members devote some meetings to Bible readings and some to literary subjects. Mrs. G. E. Goodell is Secretary.

The Missouri Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions includes the three Diocesan Mission Classes of the Episcopal Church. It meets in Schuyler Memorial House. The next meeting of the mission class will be held Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. H. N. Davis will discuss the topic, "Our New Responsibilities in the Mission Field." It is expected Mrs. Lanver, Secretary of the California Branch, will make an address to the class.

The Woman's Friendly Society of Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal) is composed of an enthusiastic body of women who devote themselves to sewing and work of relief. Canon Smith is President. The object is the promotion of Christian friendliness among the women of the congregation, especially those living in the neighborhood of the cathedral. It meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. The Girls' Friendly Society is made up of a younger set, the objects being the same. Mrs. F. W. Roberts is President. The Newsboys' Club, which was organized some two years ago by George R. Robinson, who is President, is successful. It has over 100 members, the attendance averaging some 60. It meets every Friday night. The boys enjoy these meetings exceedingly, as the privileges of the gymnasium and reading room are given them, and everything done to attract and entertain them. The close of the evening is a short service, which they enter into with interest, some being regular members of the Bible class, which is held every Sunday afternoon. Last week the boys gave an entertainment for the amusement of the children of St. Stephen's Mission.

The Raymond Place Cumberland Ladies' Aid Society has Mrs. Tom Scott as President, Mrs. Taylor Bernard, Secretary, and Miss C. Scott, Treasurer. It has quite a large membership and enters into all the aids and demands made upon the church with energy and zeal. The Missionary Society is also flourishing. Mrs. T. Scott is President; Mrs. Ferriss, Treasurer, and Mrs. Taylor Bernard, Secretary. The members met Friday evening. The last subject for discussion was "[illegible]."

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith throughout the old and new worlds has been established to assist by prayers and alms the Catholic Missioners engaged in preaching the gospel. The St. Louis Central Council meets semi-annually in St. John's Library hall, Sixteenth and Chestnut streets. It has an immense membership and large sums are collected and forwarded to all parts of the world for the work of missionaries. Both men and women are members, and among the priests are Most Rev. Archbishop Kain, Very Rev. Mgr. H. Muehlsiepen, and Revs. P. F. O'Reilly, T. Dempsey, P. Wigger, D. J. Lavery, J. Schroeder, Francis Albers, H. A. Hukestein, F. Valazza, Ed. Shea, J. J. Harty, J. J. McGlynn, Chas. [illegible], W. Fenlon, C. Legal, W. J. Reusmann, J. H. May, S. P. Hueber, J. Schaefers, J. Mulhevil, H. Brokgeest and others.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Musical Features, Lectures and Week of Prayer Services.

Bishop Tuttle will preach Sunday morning at Christ Church Cathedral and in the evening the "Messiah" will be rendered.

The musically illustrated lectures at the Second Baptist Church, interrupted by the Christmas services, will be resumed Sunday night, Dr. Boyd's subject being, "The Evolutions of Man," from Händel's creation. W. M. Porteous will sing the recitative, "Let the Earth Bring Forth the Living Creature," and the aria, "Now Heaven in Fullest Glory Shone;" Mr. Charles Humphrey, the recitative, "God Created Man in His Own Image," and the aria, "In Native Worth and Honor Clad."

The Baptist Church in St. Louis is growing rapidly in members and wealth. At present there are ... members of this denomination, with ... church property of a valuation of $400,000. They contributed to the different denominations last year the sum of $66,020, of which the Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies contributed $3272, and the Young People's Societies $670. There were 5289 members of the Sunday-school. The St. Louis Baptist Association is a member of the Missouri Baptist General Association, which held its 64th annual meeting a short time since at Kirksville Mo. William M. Senter is President of the Board of Education; A. D. Brown, Treasurer; J. F. Herget, Recording Secretary, and E. H. Sawyer, Corresponding Secretary, all of St. Louis.

The Week of Prayer will be observed by the First Congregational and Pilgrim Churches by a series of Union meetings. The meetings on Tuesday and Thursday nights will be in Pilgrim Church, led by Rev. C. H. Patton. Friday night the meeting will be in the First Church, led by Dr. Michael Burnham. Wednesday night each church will meet separately. The subjects will be as follows: Tuesday, "The Holy Spirit in the Home;" Wednesday, "The Holy Spirit in the Church;" Thursday, "The Holy Spirit in the Nation;" Friday, "The Holy Spirit in the Individual."

All the Baptist churches in the city will observe next week as the Week of Prayer and services will be held in each church each day.

A Watch Service will be held in Mount Cabanne Christian Church New Year's Eve.

The new St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church on Hebert street is one of the largest churches in the city, and is finished with the exception of the decoration. The old church, now used as a school house, in the rear of the new church, was built 24 years ago, and in the school both German and English are taught to ... many pupils attending. Father H. A. Hukestein is the pastor and has been for the last 18 years.

A novel entertainment was given Monday to the children of Mount Cabanne Christian Church, the principal feature being a mammoth pumpkin, which opened and contained a fairy, who addressed the children and was followed by a lot of Brownies, who distributed the presents. Mrs. Santa Claus appeared instead of Santa Claus, which altogether gave great pleasure to the children. The orphans of the Christian Church were present.

The First Congregational Church has adopted the individual communion service, the wine being passed around in the church in glasses on trays, each tray carrying from three to four dozen glasses. When partaken each person places his glass in a rack for the purpose in his pew. This is common in the East, although new here. The Christmas entertainment which occurred in this church Tuesday evening, was enjoyed by the many children. Old Mother Goose stories were represented by shadowgraphs.

Christ Church Cathedral choir will give "The Messiah" Sunday evening, as their sixty-second even song. This splendid choir has 40 voices. Soloists—Soprano, George Will; alto, Harry Walker. Tenors, W. C. McCreery and M. Hoffman. Bass, L. A. Cash. H. H. Darby, director. W. C. McCreery, choirmaster.

The all-day prayer meeting of the ladies of all the Protestant churches in St. Louis will be held Friday, Jan. 6, beginning at 9:15 a. m., at the Central Presbyterian Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues. An interesting programme has been prepared ... lady brings her own lunch. The Presbyterian Church ... the coffee.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Baptist.

LAFAYETTE PARK—Rev. T. C. Carleton, pastor. Morning, "The Value of the Church;" evening, "A Right Start."

DELMAR AVENUE—Rev. J. T. M. Johnston. Evening, "Open Door of Opportunity."

SECOND—Dr. W. W. Boyd. Evening, "Evolution of Man."

IMMANUEL—Dr. A. A. Kendrick. Morning, "Prayer for the New Year."

THIRD—Rev. R. P. Johnston. Morning, "Secret and Revealed Things."

Christian.

CENTRAL—Rev. Frank G. Tyrell. Morning, "Is the End of Denominational Christianity Approaching?" evening, "Dangers of Apostasy."

COMPTON HEIGHTS—2800 St. Vincent av.—Sherman B. Moore. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

WEST END—Rev. O. A. Bartholomew. Morning, "A New Year's Sermon;" evening, "The Profitableness of Godliness."

FOURTH—Rev. W. F. Hamann. Morning, "Means of Spiritual Growth;" evening, "The Past and the Future."

Congregational.

COMPTON HILL—Rev. D. M. Fisk, pastor. Morning, 8 o'clock, "Shall We Turn Over a New Leaf?"

FIRST—Rev. C. H. Patton, pastor. Morning, "Ready;" evening, "Is the World Growing Better or Worse?"

HYDE PARK—Rev. Dr. Jones, pastor. Morning, "The Strength of Union;" evening, "A Clean Page, a New Year's Record."

MAPLEWOOD—Rev. J. J. Holway. Morning, "God's Presence and Our Prospects;" evening, "Go to Work To-day in the Vineyard."

PILGRIM—Rev. M. Burnham. Morning, communion and reception of new members; evening, "New Year Thoughts."

Episcopal.

TRINITY—Rev. William Bardens. Morning, "Bearing Burdens;" evening, "The Law."

ST. GEORGE—Rev. R. A. Holland. Morning, "The New Year."

ST. JAMES—Rev. E. Duckworth. Evening, "A Rule of Service for 1899."

ST. PETER'S—Rev. William Short. Morning, "New Year's Prayer."

Hebrew.

SHAARE EMETH—Rabbi Samuel Sale. Morning, "Jesus of Nazareth and the Jews."

TEMPLE ISRAEL—Dr. Leon Harrison. Morning, "Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New."

Methodist.

MAPLE AVENUE—Rev. C. H. Stocking, D. D. Morning, "God's Requisition of the Past."

WAGONER PLACE—Rev. R. T. Sharp. Morning, "The Place of Blessing."

UNION—Rev. N. Luccock. Evening, "The Choice of Life."

GOODE AVENUE—Rev. Harvey A. Jones. Morning, "What Jokes Are For;" evening, "Gideon."

Presbyterian.

COOK AVENUE—Rev. M. G. Gorin. Morning, "Peace and Prosperity;" evening, "Thoughts on Life and the Hope Beyond."

COTE BRILLIANTE—Rev. H. M. Campbell. Morning, "The Unchanging Christ." Evening, "A Motto for the New Year."

NORTH—Rev. J. G. Klene. Morning, "Forgetting the Things Which Are Behind;" evening, "The Urgency of the Gospel."

CURBY MEMORIAL—Rev. E. D. Walker. Morning, "An Historic Sermon;" evening, "Lecture Work in Europe."

FIRST UNITED—Rev. Robert Yost. Evening, "Self-Invoked Curse."

LAFAYETTE PARK—Rev. S. C. Palmer. Morning, "Retrospect and Prospect;" evening, "Question for the New Year."

M'CAUSLAND AVENUE—Rev. J. F. Martin. Morning, "How Old Art Thou?" evening, "Bills Presented."

CUMBERLAND—Rev. Taylor Bernard. Morning, "New Year Sermon."

LEE AVENUE—Rev. Henry Gardner. Morning, "A New Year's Message;" evening, "The Old Year."

WEST—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Francis L. Ferguson, D. D. Morning, "The Message of the Year;" evening, "Forgiveness."

NORTH CABANNE—Preaching, morning and evening, by the pastor, Rev. A. S. Hughey.

OAK HILL—Preaching in the morning by Mr. Geo. T. Coxhead.

OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN MISSION—Evening service conducted by Mr. H. H. Hough.

Other Churches.

NON-SECTARIAN—Rev. R. C. Cave. Morning, "A New Year's ..."

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN—Rev. Dr. M. Rhodes. Morning, "Our Lord's Wish for His Own;" evening, "The Thing That Pleases God."

SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION—T. Grimshaw. Morning, "Psychometry and the Psychometric Sense."

PEOPLE'S CHURCH—Rev. J. M. ... Morning, "Peace of God."

ETHICAL SOCIETY—Prof. Franklin ...

Morning, "Hopes of the Future, From the point of Sociology."

SWEDENBORGIAN—Rev. C. S. Eby. Morning, "Behold, I Will Make All Things New."

DIVINE SCIENCE—Rev. D. L. Sullivan. Morning, "Behold, I Am With Thee."

CHURCH OF THE UNITY—Rev. F. L. ... Morning, "Transient and Permanent Asp... Human Life."

EASTON AVENUE MISSION—A. Dougla... gospel meetings every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 o'clock; on Sabbath at 3 and 8 p. m.

SPIRITUAL UNITY—Rev. W. F. Peck. Sunday-school at 2:30 p. m.; lecture at 7:30 ... lution and Immortality."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Central Branch, Y. M. C. A., Grand and Franklin avenues, Sunday, 4 p. m., New Year's ... by Rev. C. H. Patton, pastor First Congregational Church; solos by Mr. George Osgood.

New Year's receptions will be given on M... at the Central, North Side German and South branches of the Y. M. C. A., beginning ... o'clock. The attractions will be varied, ... ing of gymnastic exhibitions, basket-ball, ... refreshments, etc. Members and friends of ... sociation are invited.

The Bryant & Stratton Business College.

Young men and girls who wish ... an education that will not disappoint ... should attend the Bryant & Stratton School of Business, Shorthand and Telegraphy, in the new Century Building, corner Olive and Ninth streets. This old, well-known and successful school has the best rooms and most thorough course of instruction, and its reputation secures for its graduates the most desirable business positions, such openings being more numerous than graduates looking for employment.

The winter term begins Jan. 3 and applications for admission may be made at the college office, room 504, Century building.

FRANCISCAN FATHERS.

Appointments Made at the Meeting of the St. Louis Province.

The meeting of the St. Louis Province of the Order of Franciscan Fathers, which was in session several days at St. Anthony's Convent, at Meramec and Compton avenues, ended Friday.

Father Hugo Fessler of Chicago, was appointed ... of the St. Louis Conv... rector of St. A... sistants will be Daniel Fikenho... and Justus De...

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